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INTRODUCTION

This volume (R.I.P. 344) is one of a series of historical studies which will be devoted to an attempt to determine the accuracy and reliability of the operational intelligence, derived from enemy communications, which was furnished to submarine commanders operating under the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet. It is hoped that correlation and interpretation of the source material available in the files of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet and the United States Naval Communication Intelligence organization will produce valuable lessons for the future.

For the sake of convenience the year 1943 was selected as a beginning point for this series since it was an outstanding period in American submarine warfare in the Pacific. Furthermore, since the records for this period are more complete than those of 1941 and 1942, it was felt that a more accurate appraisal of the worth of communication intelligence could be made.

During this period all American submarines operating below the equator and east of

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longitude 130° E were under the command of Commander, Submarine Force, Southwest Pacific Fleet; all submarine operations above the equator and west of longitude 130° E were the direct responsibility of the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet. The relationship of communication intelligence to the operations of submarines under the Commander, Submarine Force, Southwest Pacific Fleet, will be discussed in a different series, when research in the operational files of the command can be effected.

There were few activities during World War II which received so little attention as the campaign waged so successfully in the Pacific by the submarines of the United States Navy. Co-ordinated attacks by American submarines and air fleets from 1941 to 1945 resulted in the destruction of most of the Japanese merchant fleet, the crippling of Japanese industry by cutting off its source of supply, the hampering of Japanese Army and Navy movements, and the isolation of many Japanese garrisons. The destruction of over six million tons of merchant shipping meant that Japan could not

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effect its ambition of creating an East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere.

As for the part played by American submarines in the elimination of Japan as a military power, statistics indicate that the greater part of Japanese shipping was already destroyed when Allied amphibious forces seized the bases which made possible daily air strikes at Japanese home ports. Although there is no need to enter the current controversy as to whether or not the B-29's won the Japanese war, it suffices to say that the far reaching effects of United States submarine warfare in the Pacific cannot be overlooked by any objective observer. As of August 30, 1945, 1256 Japanese ships had been sunk by American submarines.

During the war submarine operational authorities were in constant communication by a direct telephone line with the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization, and the information made available to them was used to such good advantage that many targets, which otherwise might easily have slipped by the submarine patrols, were sent to the bottom of the sea. This

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does not mean that American submarines were not able to operate independently and efficiently on their own account. On some occasions, when the Japanese had changed their cipher systems and for a short period of time no information could be derived from their communications, American submarines sank almost as many, if not just as many, Japanese ships as when the Japanese messages were being read. Submarine operational authorities have pointed out, however, that the information made available when the Japanese cipher messages were being read currently was of great value in the carry over period till American naval cryptanalysts solved the new Japanese cipher systems. Analysis of previously deciphered messages supplied valuable data as to the favorite routes and procedures of Japanese merchant ships, and, thus, even when the flow of intelligence decreased temporarily American submarine commanders could be directed to productive areas.

Chart A shows the relationship between the number of Japanese messages translated by American naval cryptanalysts and the tonnage of sunken Japanese shipping.

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Though United States submarines were not always able to sight targets reported to them by communication intelligence sources, submarine authorities have attributed much of their success to information derived from enemy communications. On April 14, 1945, the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, informed the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, as follows:

...High percentage of submarine sinkings is based on ULTRA information ... (131237 NCR 1231).

On July 3, 1945, the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet sent the following to the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization:

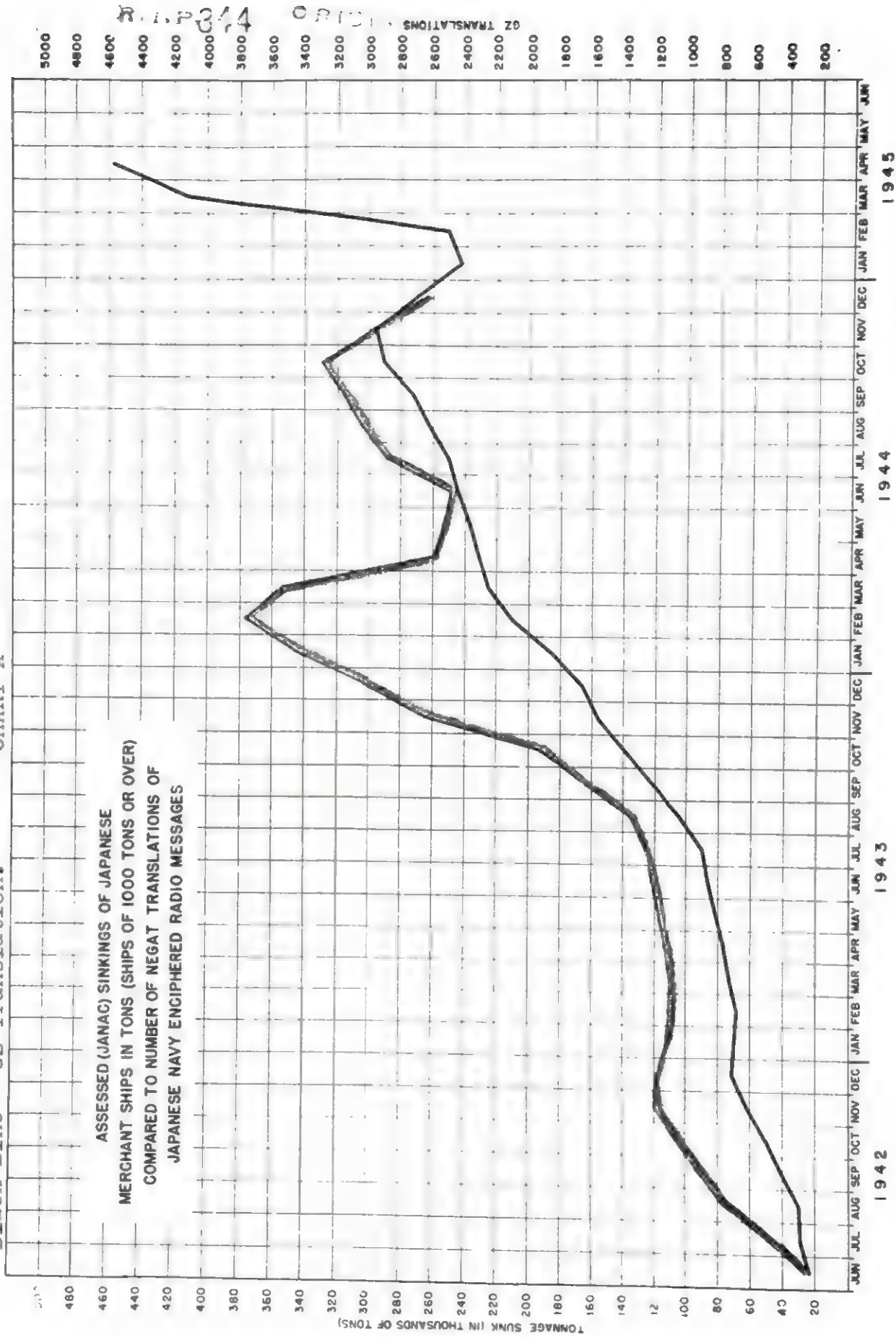
"Commander Submarine Force desires to express his admiration and appreciation to the officers of ComIntOrg for the splendid support and coverage given by you to the recent submarine operation in the Japan Sea. May the great success of this expedition repay you somewhat for your tireless efforts to strike this blow at the heart of the enemy's empire. It could not have been done without your help."

The use of communication intelligence helped revolutionize submarine strategy in the Pacific,

Red Line - Tonnage sunk.
Black Line - GZ Translation.

CHART A

ASSESSED (JANAC) SINKINGS OF JAPANESE
MERCHANT SHIPS IN TONS (SHIPS OF 1000 TONS OR OVER)
COMPARED TO NUMBER OF NEGAT TRANSLATIONS OF
JAPANESE NAVY ENCRYPTED RADIO MESSAGES



1942

1943

1944

1945

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for operational authorities, because of the continuous flow of communication intelligence which they were receiving, were able to station submarines in certain areas which would not normally be considered productive targets. Though the routes of Japanese convoys were being constantly shifted to avoid reported American submarines, the messages announcing the change of course were deciphered and made available to American submarine commanders. Thus, many otherwise^{UN} available targets were provided, torpedoes were expended profitably, long patrols in unproductive areas were avoided, and the morale of officers and men was improved.

This volume (Chapter VI - R.I.P. 344) outlines the relationship of Communication Intelligence to American submarines operating in the Pacific during June, 1943. Subsequent volumes will continue the story. Each volume has an appendix which contains the following material source for each case discussed:

A. Source of Intelligence

Japanese messages deciphered and translated by the United States Naval Communication Intelligence Organization.

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B. Operational Dispatch

A message containing the information derived from (A), sent by the Commander, Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet to American submarines.

C. Submarine Action Report

Pertinent data extracted from the action report of the submarine or submarines concerned.

Chart B summarizes the results of action taken by United States Submarines from January through October, 1943, as a result of Communication Intelligence. Another general summary of results will be made in the volumes dealing with November, 1943 to December, 1944.

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CHART B

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS DERIVED FROM ULTRA INTELLIGENCE

Grand Total - January-October 1943

Total Number of Potential Targets*..... 810

I. Number of Potential Targets Not Sighted..... 445

1. ComSubPac message not received..... 4
2. Submarine not in area..... 100
3. Submarine pursuing other targets..... 86
4. Submarine in area-no contact..... 223
5. Mechanical difficulties of submarine.... 5
6. Rough weather-poor visibility..... 20
7. Information cancelled as incorrect..... 7

II. Number of Potential Targets Sighted..... 354

1. Results of the Contact

A. Targets Sighted and Attacked..... 120

- (1) Sunk..... 33
- (2) Damaged..... 56
- (3) No perceptible damage..... 16
- (4) Missed..... 15

B. Targets Sighted but not Attacked..... 234

- (1) Unfavorable position
of submarine..... 65
- (2) Rough weather-poor
visibility..... 16
- (3) Submarine attacked by
escorts..... 9
- (4) Target showed hospital
ship markings..... 3
- (5) Engaged with other
targets..... 137
- (6) Target not worth torpedo
expenditure..... 4

2. Quality of the Contact

(according to charts, Jan-Oct)

- A. Positive..... 112
- B. Probable..... 11
- C. Possible..... 24

III. Number of Potential Targets for which
the Results Are Unknown..... 11

*The number of potential targets in each Case is

derived from the number in the ComSubPac Ultra dispatch. If, however, ComSubPac did not state the number but merely described the target as a convoy, the target is reckoned as one (an escort is not counted unless specified as a destroyer or a larger ship). But if the target was sighted, then the number named in the submarine patrol report is the number computed in the analysis. If ComSubPac was indefinite, stating the target to be "several" ships, the target, if not sighted, is counted as two. For example, in Case 41 of October (Chap. X, R.I.P. 347) ComSubPac described the target as "2 AUXILIARY CARRIERS SEVERAL DESTROYERS". The target, which was not sighted, was reckoned as four.

Thus the reckoning is often arbitrary and therefore the figures are only approximate. This applies also to the reasons given for the failure of a submarine to sight, or to attack, an Ultra target assigned to it. If none of the reasons listed in the analysis precisely cover a given case, the case is then reckoned under the most nearly equivalent reason. If two submarines are named as addressees, the reason reckoned in the analysis may be that of the first addressee (e.g., Case 23 of July-Chap. VII, R.I.P. 345) or it may be the reason of the majority if three or more submarines are action addressees (Case 47 of July).

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It should be noted that research in this regard was handicapped seriously by the fact that submarine commanders were under orders to omit all references to Communication Intelligence in their reports as will be seen in the following dispatches:

A. FROM: COMINCH 18/1836 May
TO: CTF 17
CTF 71
CTF 72
INFO: COMSOPAC
CINCPAC
PREC: DEFERRED

SUPER SECRET X ULTRA X WAR DIARIES OF SUBMARINES
BASING WEST AUSTRALIA FOR MONTHS NOVEMBER
DECEMBER JANUARY CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES
COMMUNICATION INTELLIGENCE X ALL MENTION THIS
SOURCE MUST BE ELIMINATED FROM ORIGINAL AND ALL
COPIES OF PAST AND FUTURE DIARIES

B. FROM: CINCPAC 18/1836 May
TO: COMSOPAC
PREC: ROUTINE

PASS COMINCH 181836 TO COMSOPAC FOR ACTION

C. FROM: COMSUBPAC 13/0935 July
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NFM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: PRIORITY

.....
..... NEITHER ACTUALLY NOR BY IMPLICATION
SHOULD REFERENCE BE MADE TO ULTRA MESSAGES SENT
BY THIS COMMAND X SAME RULE APPLIES FOR WRITING
UP PATROL REPORTS

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ANALYSIS OF RESULTS DERIVED FROM ULTRA INTELLIGENCE

June, 1943

Total Number of Potential Targets*.....145

I. Number of Potential Targets Not Sighted.....47

1. ComSubPac message not received.....0
2. Submarine not in area.....3
3. Submarine pursuing other targets.....10
4. Submarine in area-no contact.....33
5. Mechanical difficulties of submarine...0
6. Rough weather-poor visibility.....1
7. Information cancelled as incorrect.....0

II. Number of Potential Targets Sighted.....95

1. Results of the Contact

A. Targets Sighted and Attacked.....22

- (1) Sunk.....8
- (2) Damaged.....9
- (3) No perceptible damage.....2
- (4) Missed.....3

B. Targets Sighted but not Attacked...73

- (1) Unfavorable position of submarine.....5
- (2) Rough weather-poor visibility.....6
- (3) Submarine attacked by escorts.....0
- (4) Target showed hospital ship markings.....1
- (5) Engaged with other targets.....61
- (6) Target not worth torpedo expenditure.....0

2. Quality of the Contact
(according to chart-June)

- A. Positive.....26
- B. Probable.....1
- C. Possible.....4

III. Number of Potential Targets for which
the Results are Unknown.....3

*Convoy of Unknown number of Ships has been
Considered as but one target.

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June 1943

No.	ComSubpac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Addressee(s)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
1.	01-1026	U.S.S. Whale	1 maru departs Tinian None 0800 on June 1. Arrives Rota at 2000 on June 1. Departs Rota at 2200 on June 1. Arrives Guam at 0600 on June 2. Departs Guam at 0800 on June 3. Arrives Rota at 2000 on June 3. En route Saipan at 0800 on June 4. Above times are GCT.	None	ComSubpac dispatch receive Patrolled area. No contacts with Ultra target reported.
2.	01-1802	U.S.S. Tinny	1 maru with escort to be at position 9-8N, 156E at 0300 (GCT) on June 2; at 10-23N, 159-40E at 0300 (GCT) on June 3; arrives Eniwetok at 2100 on June 3.	None	ComSubpac dispatch receive Submarine's activities for June 1-June 3 are not available.
3.	01-1822	U.S.S. Pinback	Genyo Maru to arrive at 11-24N, 142-10E	None	ComSubpac dispatch receive Engaged with freighter

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No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No. of Ships, Position Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
3.	(Cont.)		at 0300 (GCT) on June 2; at 12-06N, 136-28E at 0300 (GCT) on June 3; at 9-36N, 131-28E at 0300 (GCT) on June 4; at 06-18N, 126-48E at 0300 (GCT) on June 5,		similar to Tetukami Mary near Palau on June 1 and 2. Was not in position to intercept; no search was made.

No.	02-0659	U.S.S. Whale	Convoy of one un- identified ship and one DD to be at 21-50N, 148-40E at 0300 (GCT) on June 4; at 17-14N, 151- 10E at 0300 (GCT) on June 5; at 12-05N, 152-20E at 0300 (GCT) on June 6; at 7-45N, 152-15E at 0300 (GCT) on June 7.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received: At 1210 (GCT), on June 5, position 16-20N, 151-28E, U.I.J.M.S. Kamikawa-class seaplane tender was sunk with three hits.
4.		U.S.S. Sunfish			ComSubPac dispatch received: patrolled in area, but nothing was sighted.

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No. 02-1028
ComSubpac
Operational
Dispatches
(date-time)

Submarine
Address(es)

Type, No. of Ships,
Positions Given

Contacts
Made with
Target(s)

Results of Contact(s)

U.S.S.
Salmon

Three unidentified
ships and one es-
cort to be at 29-33N,
137-20E at 0300 (GCT)
on June 3; at 33-03N,
137-58E at 0300 (GCT)
on June 4; arrive
Yokosuka at 2000 (GCT)
on June 4.

Positive

ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. Convoy sighted.
One freighter damaged at
0750 (GCT), June 3 at
position 30-03N, 137-38E.
Contact lost.

U.S.S.
Tricker

None

ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. No contact re-
ported.

U.S.S.
Seawolf

Convoy of twelve un-
identified merchant-
men plus one or more
escort vessels to be
at 25-57N, 120-51E at
0300 (GCT) on June 3;
at 28-23N, 123-17E at
0300 (GCT) on June 4;
at 30-44N, 125-40E at
0300 (GCT) on June 5;
at 33-02N, 128-06E at
0300 (GCT) on June 6.

Positive

ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. Sighted Ultra
convoy at 2019 (GCT),
June 4 at position 30-45N,
125-36E. Distance was too
great; unable to close for
attack. At 1207 (GCT),
June 5, at position 31-32N
126-57E, sighted and at-
tacked another convoy.
Lost contact. Convoy at-
tacked not the Ultra target.
ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. At 2203 (GCT), June
4 at 30-54N, 125-45E, Ultra
target sighted, and attack
two hits made on vessel
similar to Huzumi Maru.

U.S.S.
Tinosa

Positive

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ComSubPac
Operational
Dispatches
(Data-Time)

No.

Submarine
Addresses(s)

Type, No. of Ships,
Positions Given

Contacts
Made with
Target(s)

Results of Contact(s)

7. 03-0348

U.S.S.
Runner

Two unidentified
ships plus two es-
cort vessels to be
at 50-44N, 156-11E
at 1800 (GCT) on June
21 at 48-20N, 148-30E
at 0300 on June 41 at
45-58N, 143-25E at
0100 (GCT) on June 5.

None

(The U.S.S. Runner com-
pleted its First War
Patrol in April and was
apparently lost at sea
during the Second War
Patrol. No contact re-
port is available for
June, 1943. Ed. Note.)

8. 04-0919

U.S.S.
Goadragon

One unidentified ship None
and one destroyer to
arrive at 7N, 158-12E
at 0630 (GCT) on June 5.

ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. Patrolled in
area. Ultra target not
sighted.

9. 05-1203

U.S.S.
Sunfish

Two carriers with
four or six escort
vessels depart Truk
at 1900 (GCT) on June 5
and pass 100-130 miles
westward of the Marianas.

None

ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. Patrolled in
area. Nothing sighted.

U.S.S. Tunny

None

ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. Submerged near
Truk. Nothing sighted.
ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. Patrolled in
area. Nothing sighted.

U.S.S. Whale

None

The two carriers, with
three destroyers, will
leave Truk at 1900 (GCT)
June 4 instead of June 5

Information
corrected 05-1753

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ComSubpac
Operational
Dispatches
(Date-Time)
10, 06-0042

Submarine
Addressed(s)
U.S.S. Bark
Type, No. of Ships,
Positions Given
1 freighter departed
Kwajalein on June 3,
and arrives Wake at
2100 (GCT) on June 6.

Contacts
Made with
Target(s)
None
Results of Contact(s)
ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. Patrolled in
area. Nothing sighted.

11, 06-0347

U.S.S.
Boulder

2 carriers and 3
destroyers to be at
31-30N, 142-10E at
1500 (GCT) on June 8.

Positive

ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. At 1400 (GCT) on
June 8 at position 31-30N
143-10E sighted Ultra
target. Attacked and
damaged one carrier. Lost
contact.

U.S.S.
Trigger

Positive

ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. At 1440 (GCT) on
June 8, position 31-41N,
141-56E, Ultra target con-
tacted by radar. Contact
lost due to insufficient
speed power of submarine.

U.S.S.
Salmon

Positive

ComSubpac dispatch re-
ceived. At 1020 (GCT) on
June 8 at 31-09N, 142-30E
sighted and trailed Ultra
target. Heard explosions
from U.S.S. Sculpin's at-
tack. No further contact

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No.	ComSubpac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Addressee(s)	Type, No. of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
11.	(Cont.)	U.S.S. Sculpin	1 unidentified ship to be at 28N, 143-40E at 0300 (GCT) on June 8; at 32-45N, 141E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9.	None	ComSubpac dispatch received. U.S.S. Sculpin was occupied with carrier group. No contact reported with second target.
12.	06-1525	All subs copying NPM Fox	Enemy submarine plus escort located by D/F at 25N, 140E at 1203 (GCT) on June 6, en route to Yokosuka via Chichijima.	None	ComSubpac dispatch received. U.S.S. Trigger in general vicinity of position. Ultra target was not sighted.
13.	07-1750	U.S.S. Whale	1 or more unidentified vessels to be at 15-46N, 146-56E at 0300 (GCT) on June 8; at 13-10N, 148-36E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9; at 10-37N, 150-07E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10; at 8-01N, 151-51E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11.	Positive	ComSubpac dispatch received. At 12-46N, 148-49E at 0530 (GCT) on June 9, two freighters sighted. At 1146 (GCT) on June 9, Kano Maru, Amagasan Maru were damaged and believed to have sunk.

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ComSubPac
Operational
Dispatches
(date-time)

No. Submarine
Addressee(s)

Type, No. of Ships,
Positions Given

Contacts
Made with
Target(s)

Results of Contact(s)

13. (Cont.)

U.S.S.
Gunfish

Probable

ComSubPac dispatch received. At 11-14N, 149-50E at 1915 (GCT) on June 9, convoy sighted. Contact lost.

14. 07-1842

U.S.S.
Seawolf

None

1 unidentified vessel to be at 22-10N, 114-20E at 2300 (GCT) on June 8; at 24-10N, 118-30E at 2300 (GCT) on June 9; at 27-15N, 122-10E at 2300 (GCT) on June 10.

ComSubPac dispatch received. Submarine was in area, but was engaged with a convoy, and Ultra target was not sighted.

15. 08-0419

U.S.S. Hoag

Possible

Convoys are departing Palau beginning June 11.

ComSubPac dispatch received. At 6-32N, 134-51E, at 1533 (GCT) on June 14, sighted convoy. Attacked and damaged freighter similar to Chilli Maru. Possible sinking.

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ComSubpac
Operational

No. Dispatches
(Date-Time)

Submarine
Addresses(s)

Type, No. of ships,
Positions Given

Contacts
Made with
Target(s)

Results of Contact(s)

15. (Cont.)

U.S.S. Sargo

None

ComSubpac dispatch received, SARGO engaged with two convoys in area; however, they were en route to Palau rather than departing.

U.S.S. Whale

None

ComSubpac dispatch received. Two freighters contacted in position to the east and off course of position given for convoy on June 9. There was no contact with Ultra target.

Convoy to be at 14-03N, 146-14E at 0300 (GCT) on June 8; at 12-56N, 147-28E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9; at 11-50N, 148-23E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10.

16. 08-0917

U.S.S. Hawolf

None

ComSubpac dispatch received. Convoy sighted too far to the north and east of Ultra target. No further contacts reported.

Convoy to be at 32-22N, 125-19E at 0300 (GCT) on June 8; at 28-24N, 122-35E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9; at 24-06N, 119-52E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10.

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June 1942

No.	ComSubPac Operational Dispatches (Date-Time)	Submarine Address(es)	Type, No, of Ships, Positions Given	Contacts Made with Target(s)	Results of Contact(s)
17.	08-1011	U.S.S. Flying Fish	Goshu Maru plus un- identified vessel to be at 21-50N, 149-35E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10; at 26-35N, 147-45E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11; at 30-35N, 144-55E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12; at 34-10N, 140-45E at 0300 (GCT) on June 13.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Flying Fish engaged with convoy. Possibly sunk Kusanai Maru. Too far to the north and east to be Ultra target.
		U.S.S. Scorpion		None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Submarine was en route from Midway to assigned area from June 2 through June 22. No search was made for Ultra target.
18.	08-1452	U.S.S. Minora	1 unidentified ves- sel being towed through 30-26N, 133-33E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. At 31-35N, 132- 32E at 1234 (GCT) on June 9 sighted convoy with vessel being towed. At- tack was conducted; two hits were observed.

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19.	08-1547	U.S.S. Flying Fish	Convoy to be at 28- 37N, 143-34E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9; at 24-54N, 145-38E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. At 24-55N, 145- 36E at 0204 (GCT) on June 10, sighted convoy. Kansai Maru believed to have sunk with one hit.
20.	09-0733	U.S.S. Scorpion	Unescorted freighter None to be at 26-28N, 154-20E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10; at 28-21N, 151-4E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11; at 30-15N, 147-48E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Submarine en- route from Midway to as- signed area from June 2 through June 22. No search was made for Ultra target.
21.	09-0815	U.S.S. Salmon	1 carrier with 2 destroyers departs Yokosuka at 0500 (GCT) on June 10, on course 155 degrees until reaching 33-55N, 140E where course changed to 230 degrees.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Searched in area, but Ultra target was not sighted.

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21.	(Cont.)	U.S.S. Trigger		Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. At 34-13N, 139-50E at 0924(GCT) on June 10, task force was sighted. Carrier was damaged with four hits. This was verified by a message from the Trigger to ComSubPac by Japanese dispatches; and by ComSubPac 110345. ComSubPac dispatch received. Submarine submerged in vicinity of attack, but nothing was sighted. ComSubPac dispatch received. The Trigger set course for home on June 10. No further contact with carrier.
	11-0345	U.S.S. Salmon	Damaged carrier was being towed from 34-14N, 139-52E.	None	
		U.S.S. Trigger		None	
22.	09-0856	U.S.S. Sunfish	1 freighter to be at 08-35N, 152-50E at 1000(GCT) on June 9; at 14N, 153-10E on 1000(GCT) on June 10, heading for 29N, 146-55E on June 11.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. Sunfish was trailing convoy in vicinity of 11-14N, 149-50E.

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23.	09-0951	U.S.S. Tunny	2 freighters and 1 escort vessel to be at 2-24S, 152-52E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9; at 0-46N, 152-31E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10; at 3-56N, 152-10E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11; and arrive Truk at 0400 (GCT) on June 12. Convey to be at 24-54N, None 145-38E at 0300 (GCT) on June 10; at 21-12N, 147-47E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11; at 21-12N, 149-52E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12; at 13-48N, 151-52E at 0300 (GCT) on June 13; at 9-40N, 152- 34E at 0300 on June 14.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. On June 9, at 2025 (GCT) sighted tanker with DD escort at posi- tion 6-10N, 150-28E; too near Truk for pursuit. Ultra target was not scheduled to arrive at Truk until June 12. ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Convoy sighted at position 15° south of position given for Ultra target. ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Flying Fish sighted convoy; attacked damaged Kansai Maru, pos- sibly sinking her. ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. The whale was en- route to Midway from June 10-13. Target was delayed due to attack by Flying
		U.S.S. Flying Fish		Positive	
		U.S.S. Whale		None	

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24	10-0843	U.S.S. Whale	Convoy to be at 17- 47N, 141-36E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15, at 15-51N, 143-20E at 0300 on June 16.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Submarine en- route to Midway. Unable to intercept Ultra target.
25	10-0857 10-1031 10-1330	U.S.S. S-32	Enemy unit, later identified as Des- trover Division #10, consisting of 3 des- troys, embarking 259 men, departed Yokosuka at 1400 (I) on June 10. It at- tacked Paramushiro on the evening of June 13.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Submarine patrolled in rough seas. Visibility was poor due to mist and rain. No contact.
		U.S.S. S-30		None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. S-30 patrolled in area. After unsuc- cessful attack on vessel similar to Kimisima Maru, felt that area would be alert, and abandoned search.

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26. 10-1422	U.S.S. Pollack	Katori Maru departed 8-34N, 171-14E at 1730 (GCT) on June 9, and arrives at 01-30N, 173E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Area patrolled. Japanese patrol planes forced submarine to sub- merge. There was no contact with Ultra target.

27. 11-0619	U.S.S. Spearfish	1 unidentified vessel and 2 es- cort vessels en route from Wake to Kwajalein, at position 16-12N, 167-14E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11; at 12-38N, 168-43E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12; at 11-50N, 169-04E at 1800 (I) on June 12, entering Mellu Channel 1220 on June 13.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Spearfish con- ducted a search in the area, but there was no contact with the Ultra target.
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U.S.S. Seadragon	ComSubpac dispatch was received. The submarine searched in area. At 0350 (GCT) on June 13, a freighter similar to Hirokawa Maru was attacked and damaged at 7-30N, 167- 30E. It was too far to the south of Kwajalein to be the Ultra target.
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28.	11-0743 11-1817	U.S.S. <u>Sunfish</u>	1 unidentified vessel to be at 10-20N, 163-08E at 0300 (GCT) on June 11; at 11-32N, 159-30E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12; at 14-28N, 156-53E at 0300 (GCT) on June 13.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Sunfish</u> engaged with convoy west of Ultra target on June 11. On June 12, 13, conducted a search, but no contacts were reported.
	11-0743	U.S.S. <u>Finback</u>	5 ship convoy, including <u>Dakar Maru</u> arrives Palau 0600 (GCT) on June 17; at 13-30N, 132E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15; at 10-20N, 132E at 0300 (GCT) on June 16; at an unknown time, passes through 32N, 132E--believed to be an error and should possibly be 12N rather than 32N.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Finback</u> patrolled Empiro-Palau trade lanes; search for convoy. Ultra target was not sighted.
		U.S.S. <u>Hog</u>		None	ComSubPac dispatch received. At 6-32N, 134-51E at 1533 (GCT) on June 14 sighted convoy. Attacked and damaged freighter similar to <u>Chilli Maru</u> , possibly sinking. It was too far south of Palau to be Ultra target, and also, was attacked three days before target was scheduled to arrive.

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29. 11-0923

U.S.S.
Scorpion

1 freighter to be at
29N, 151-55E at 1100
(GCT) on June 13; at
31-30N, 144-05E at
0300(GCT) on June 14.

ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. Scorpion was
en route from Midway to
assigned area off China
coast. No contacts were
reported.

30. 11-0936

U.S.S. Ho

#3 Tansu Maru en
route from to Singapore
via Palau; at 6-21N,
144-42E at 0300(GCT)
on June 12; at 6-27N, 140-43E
at 0300(GCT) on June 13;
at 6-45N, 136-42E at 0300
(GCT) on June 14. It arrives
at Anguar Is. at 0900(GCT)
on June 15, and at Palau at
1100(GCT) on June 15. Positive

ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. The Ho engaged
with Chile Maru class.
There were no contacts
with Ultra target.

U.S.S. Sargo

Positive

ComSubPac dispatch re-
ceived. At position 6-25N,
143-08E, at 1010(GCT) on
June 12, the Sargo sighted
and attacked #3 Tansu Maru.
There were no hits.

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31	11-1846	U.S.S. Seawolf	1 ship convoy to be at 22-40N, 120-09E at 0300(GCT) on June 11; at 25-10N, 120- 44E at 0300(GCT) on June 12; at 27-12N, 122-26E at 0300(GCT) on June 13; at 29-07N, 122-26E at 0300(GCT) on June 14.	Positive	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. At 26-02N, 121-30E, at 1035(GCT) on June 12, sighted convoy. Seawolf fired at trailing vessel with no hits.
		U.S.S. Gunnel	1 formation in- formation at (later date).		
		U.S.S. Salmon	Wounded carrier is being towed from 34- 14N, 139-52E on route to Empire.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Salmon sub- merged in vicinity of attack on carrier by Trigger, but nothing was sighted.
32	12-0940	U.S.S. Tinosa	1 freighter to be at 32-03N, 144-25E at 0300(GCT) on June 12; at 33-58N, 140-55E at 0300(GCT) on June 13.		ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Tinosa sighted convoy, but lost contact.

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32. (Cont.)

U.S.S. Sargo

Positive

ComSubpac dispatch received. Sargo attacked #3 Tonan Maru, but there were no hits.

#3 Tonan Maru to be at 6-21N, 144-42E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12; at 6-27N, 140-43E at 0300 (GCT) on June 13; at 6-45N, 136-42E at 0300 (GCT) on June 14. It passes south of Angaur and arrives at Palao at 0200 (GCT) on June 15. Sargo attempt interception along track, and Hoe between position for 14th and Angaur.

U.S.S. Hoe

ComSubpac dispatch received. Hoe was engaged with Chilli class maru.

33. 12-1002

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Possible

1 unidentified vessel, possibly a sea-plane tender, to be at 20-20N, 140-45E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12; at 24-50N, 141-30E at 0300 (GCT) on June 13; at 19-10N, 141-30E at 0300 (GCT) on June 14.

ComSubpac dispatch received. At 24-30N, 141-30E, at 0243 (GCT) on June 13, the Flying Fish sighted masts of hospital ship.

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34. 12-1020	U.S.S. Headragon	Convoy to be at 7-54N, 154-32E at 0300 (GCT) on June 13; at 6-18N, 158E at 0300 (GCT) on June 14; at 6-55N, 161-50E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15; at 8-06N, 165-26E at 0300 (GCT) on June 16; and arrives Kwajalein at 2000 (GCT) on June 16.	Possible	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. <u>Headragon</u> sighted convoy at 0328 (GCT) on June 16 at 6N, 165E. Submarine was un- able to get in position for attack.
U.S.S. Spearfish			None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. <u>Spearfish</u> patrolled in area, but sighted nothing.
35. 13-0340	U.S.S. Gargo	1 unidentified ves- sel, possibly a sea- plane tender, to be at 08-10N, 145-15E at 0300 (GCT) on June 16; at 02-40N, 147-15E at 0300 (GCT) on June 17. Aikoku Maru arrives at 6-10N, 142-50E at 1630 (GCT) on June 15 on course 299T, changing course to 341 degrees.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Target was iden- tified by <u>Flying Fish</u> as hospital ship.
None			None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. There is no re- port for June 15 and 16. Convoy sighted on June 17, Gargo searched in area, but Ultra target was not sight

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36.	14-0220	U.S.S. <u>Snook</u>	Proceed at once to 22N, 140E arriving there at 2000(GCT) on June 17.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Snook</u> conducted dives and drills in assigned area, but sighted nothing.
37.	14-0235	U.S.S. <u>Halibut</u>	Proceed to 8N, 151E arriving there at 1600(GCT) on June 20, (to intercept a large task force)	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Halibut</u> sighted DD, freight with DE, and two patrol ves- sels at various times. There was no attack--awaiting fur- ther orders from ComSubPac.
		U.S.S. <u>Spearfish</u> (Info)		Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Spearfish</u> sighted 11-14 ship convoy on June 20 at 8-42N, 149-16E. Carrier was attacked, but there were no hits; see also Case 40.
38.	14-0335	U.S.S. <u>Seawolf</u>	Convoy to be at 28- 03N, 121-45E at 0300(GCT) on June 15 at 25-32N, 119-35E at 0300(GCT) on June 16.	Positive with one of the convoys	ComSubPac dispatch received. At position 24-26N, 118-50E at 0122(GCT) on June 18, the <u>Seawolf</u> sighted two trans- port vessels. Ship similar to <u>Hokuyo Maru</u> attacked and sunk with four hits.

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38.	(Cont.)		Convoy to be at 28- 10N, 121-34E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15; at 25-40N, 120E at 0300 (GCT) on June 16.	Positive with one of convoys	24-2N, 120-2E at 1705 (GCT) on June 20, Seawolf sighted 8 ship convoy. At 2245 (GCT) on June 20, tanker was attacked. No explosions were heard at end of run.
39.	14-0347	U.S.S. Finback	1 unidentified ves- sel en route Palau, at position 17-20N, 133-35E at 0300 (GCT) on June 14; at 12-5N, 131-10E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15; and passes through 10N, 131-10E at unknown time.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Finback patrolled Empire-Palau trade lanes. Sighted unescorted vessel at 10N, 131-10E, and at- tacked, but there were no hits.
40.	14-0520	U.S.S. Scorpion	Large task force to be at 34-6N, 138-25E at 1130 (GCT) on June 16; at 28-54N, 137-52E at 0500 (GCT) on June 17; at 15-20N, 140-27E at 0230 (GCT) on June 19.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. Scorpion was en route from Midway to as- signed area off China coast. Missed all contacts.

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40.	(Cont.)	U.S.S. Flying Fish		Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. At position 27-35N, 138-41E at 1004(GCT) on June 17, the Flying Fish sighted task force but did not attack.
		U.S.S. Snook		None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The Snook patrolled in area, but sighted nothing.
14-0917		U.S.S. Sargo	Task force (same as 110520, about 19 war- ships) to be at 15- 20N, 140-27E at 0230 (GCT) on June 19; at 11-25N, 143-45E at 1915(GCT) on June 19; at 8-20N, 149-29E at at 2030(GCT) on June 19; arrive at North Channel Truk at 0300(GCT) on June 21. Intercept northwest of position for June 19.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The Sargo conducted a sub- merged patrol in assigned area but sighted nothing.
		U.S.S. Tunny	Intercept east of posi- tion for June 19.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. On June 19, 20, the Tunny conducted a submerged patrol in vicinity of designated position.

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40.	(Cont.)	U.S.S. <u>Spearfish</u>	Intercept west of Ulul Is.		ComSubPac dispatch received. At 8-29N, 149-20E, at 1737(GCT) on June 21, the <u>Spearfish</u> sighted an 11-14 ship convoy. Carrier was attacked with four torpedoes, but there were no hits. ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Halibut</u> patrolled in area. Task force was not sighted.
41.	14-0921	U.S.S. <u>Seadragon</u>	2 destroyers en route from Truk to Kwajalein at position 8-16N, 159-48E at 0200(GCT) on June 15; at 9-55N, 166E at 0200(GCT)? on June 16; arrive at Mellu Channel at 0630(GCT) on June 16.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The <u>Seadragon</u> sighted freighter and DD too far south and east of vessels reported in Ultra.
		U.S.S. <u>Spearfish</u>		None	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Spearfish</u> was searching in area for Ultra target on June 16.

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42.	14-0933	U.S.S. Sargo	Vessel, probably Aikoku Maru, to be at 2-22N, 149-45E at 0630(GCT) on June 14, making 16.5 knots.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Sargo engaged with convoy too far to north and west of posi- tion given in Ultra.
43.	14-1012	U.S.S. Hoe	Convoy to be at 5-40N, 136-36E at 2000 (GCT) on June 13; at 7-30N, 136-6E at 1200(GCT) on June 15; at 7-26N, 134-51E at 2000(GCT) on June 14.	Positive	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. Hoe engaged with <u>Chilli</u> class maru, possibly sinking her.
44.	14-1236	U.S.S. Hoe	Convoy to be at 6-32N, 137-43E at 0300(GCT) on June 15; at 5-50N, 140-40E at 0300(GCT) on June 16; at 5-10N, 143-33E at 0300(GCT) on June 17; at 4-30N, 146-28E at 0300(GCT) on June 18.	None	ComSubpac dispatch re- ceived. On June 15, the Hoe was engaged with <u>Chil-</u> class maru. On June 16, 17, patrolled Palau. New Guinea traffic lanes. Poor visibility and vari- able currents made in- terception impossible.

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44.	(Cont.)	U.S.S. Sargo		Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. At position 4-40N, 142-51E at 0015 (GCT) on June 17, the Sargo sighted convoy, but lost contact.
45.	14-1745	U.S.S. Pollack	1 unidentified merchantman to be at 6-25N, 168E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15; 7-20N, 164-52E at 0300 (GCT) on June 16.	None	ComSubPac dispatch received. The Pollack was evading enemy plane and no search was made.
46.	16-0923	U.S.S. Hoe U.S.S. Tunny	Convoy en route to Palau, stopping at Fais on June 17; at 8-30N, 139-30E at 0300 (GCT) on June 18. Crippled vessel de-parts Saipan about June 24, being towed to Empire.	None Possible	ComSubPac dispatch received. Hoe patrolled in area. Adverse weather conditions prevented interception. ComSubPac dispatch received. On June 23, at 2254 (GCT), at position 15-24N, 145-33E, Tunny sighted freighter towing damaged DD.

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47.	17-0825	U.S.S. <u>Pompano</u>	2 freighters and 1 DD to be at 25-54N, 139-16E at 0300(GCT) on June 22; at 28-30N, 138-44E at 0300(GCT) on June 23; at 31-5N, 138-9E at 0300(GCT) on June 24; at 33-40N, 138-14E at 0300(GCT) on June 25.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Pompano</u> had radar contact with 2 freighters and escort vessel at 30-33N, 140E at 1827(GCT) on June 20. Contact was lost due to poor visibility and rain.
		U.S.S. <u>Jack</u>		None	ComSubPac dispatch received. <u>Jack</u> searched 1 area, but sighted nothing.
48.	18-0843	U.S.S. <u>Hog</u>	Convoys depart Palau en route to Empire on June 19, 24, 30, July 6, 13, 20, 24.	Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. At position 8-58N, 131-13E at 1327 (GCT) on June 21, the <u>Hog</u> attacked convoy. Vessel similar to <u>Africa Maru</u> damaged.
		U.S.S. <u>Gurnard</u>		Positive	ComSubPac dispatch received. At 7-45N, 134-22E at 0132(GCT) on June 29, <u>Gurnard</u> sighted convoy. Attacked and sank ship similar to <u>Takatihu Maru</u> .

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49.	18-0011	U.S.A. <u>Flying Fish</u>	Convoy, possibly including the Yamaguchi Maru to be at 20-20N, 118-20E at 0300(OCT) on June 20; at 22-50N, 119-40E at 0300(OCT) on June 21; at 22-26N, 120-18E at 0900(OCT) on June 21.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. <u>Flying Fish</u> searched in area. Sighted convoy three days later then the schedule of Ultra target.
50.	22-0747	All sub- marines copying JMW Fox. U.S.A., Non	Auxiliary sailing vessels departed Yokosuka for Saipan on June 10, on route be- tween Palau and Rabaul.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. <u>Non</u> sighted saman on June 16, at 6-31N, 138-05E, between Palau and Rabaul. No other contacts reported by American submarines.
51.	25-1855	All sub- marines copying JMW Fox. U.S.A., Halibut U.S.A., Sugarfish	Japanese submarine hunt in vicinity of Truk.	None	ComSubPac dispatch re- ceived. No unusual depts reporting.

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52.	28-0715	U.S.S. <u>Spearfish</u>	2 auxiliary carriers departed North Channel Truk, course 304. Route unknown. Destination probably Empiro.	None	ComSubpac dispatch received. <u>Spearfish</u> searched in area, but ultra target was not sighted.
		U.S.S. <u>Tunny</u>		None	ComSubpac dispatch received. <u>Tunny</u> searched in area. <u>Sighted</u> , attacked and sank AK similar to <u>Sirogane Maru</u> at 1230(K) on June 28 in position 14-07N, 145-03E
		U.S.S. <u>Searaven</u>		None	ComSubpac dispatch possibly not received. Radio reception was uncertain. <u>Searaven</u> was patrolling in vicinity of Mariana Islands, but sighted nothing.

53.	28-1846	U.S.S. <u>Halibut</u>	1 unidentified vessel arrives South Channel Truk at 0700(GCT) on June 29 on course 279.	None	ComSubpac dispatch received. <u>Halibut</u> patrolled in vicinity of Truk. No activity was noted.
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Case 1

From a Japanese Intelligence report¹ of May 31, 1943, operational headquarters learned that the Manshin Maru, a 4800 ton merchant vessel was departing Tinian Island at 0800 (GCT) on June 1, en route to Rota. Arriving there at 2000 (GCT) on the same day, it was scheduled to leave two hours later and arrive at Guam at 0600 (GCT) on June 2. Returning from Guam at 0800 (GCT) on June 3, the merchantman would then arrive back at Rota twelve hours later where it would remain until 0800 (GCT) on the following day at which time it would return to Saipan.²

This information was sent to the
U.S.S. Whale in an Ultra dispatch on June 1.³

1 - Appendix VI, Case 1, No. A-1, hereafter referred to as VI, Case 1, A-1.

2 - Ibid.

3 - VI, Case 1, B-1

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The message was received,⁴ and on that day, the submarine was conducting a surface patrol on the Empire-Saipan routes. On the following day the course was set for Guam, and at 1910 (GCT) the Whale submerged 18 miles northwest of Guam. The day was spent in searching for the Ultra target, but nothing was sighted except two ships anchored at Port Apra and the usual sampan patrol. At 0944 (GCT) on June 3 the course was set to pass between Rota and Guam for a surface patrol of the Empire-Truk route.⁵ There was no contact with the merchant vessel reported in the ComSubPac dispatch.⁶

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Case 2

In an Ultra dispatch of June 1, ComSubPac informed the U.S.S. Tunny that a merchantman with escort would arrive at Eniwetok June 3 at 2100 (GCT). The noon positions for

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- 4 - VI, Case 1, C-1.
 - 5 - VI, Case 1, C-2.
 - 6 - VI, Case 1, B-1.

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June 2 and 3 were listed.⁷ From the Japanese Intelligence dispatch the vessel can be identified as the Taiyo Maru.⁸

Since, according to the radio reception report no serials were missed, the Tunny received the ComSubPac dispatch.⁹ Although the submarine's activities for June 1 through June 3 are not available, it may be assumed that the Taiyo Maru was not sunk at this time since there is no record of her sinking in the various listings of Japanese ship losses.

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Case 3

According to a Japanese Intelligence report of May 31, the Genyo Maru was scheduled to depart from Truk on that day en route to Tarakan.¹⁰ The noon positions (I time) were listed from June 1 through June 6¹¹ and the information was sent to the U.S.S. Finback for action.¹²

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- 7 - VI, Case 2, B-1.
 - 8 - VI, Case 2, A-1.
 - 9 - VI, Case 2, C-1.
 - 10 - VI, Case 3, A-1.
 - 11 - Ibid.
 - 12 - VI, Case 3, B-1.

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The ComSubPac dispatch was re-
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ceived; however, the submarine was engaged with
a freighter similar to the Tatukami Maru on the
first two days in June near Palau, and on June
3, 4, a submerged patrol was conducted on the
Empire-Palau trade lane. At no time was the
Finback in position to intercept the enemy
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vessel; therefore, no search was made for the
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maru reported in the ComSubPac message.

June 2, 1943

Case 4

In a ComSubPac dispatch of June 2,
it was disclosed to the U.S.S. Whale and the U.S.S.
Sunfish that a convoy of one unidentified ship and
one destroyer escort would be at positions 21-50N,
148-40E; 17-14N, 151-10E; 12-05N, 152-20E; and
07-45N, 152-15E at 0300 (GCT) on June 4, 5, 6, 7
respectively. The Whale was directed to intercept
the enemy vessels in the vicinity of the position
given for June 5, and the Sunfish was to conduct a

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- 13 - VI, Case 3, C-1.
14 - VI, Case 3, C-2.
15 - VI, Case 3, B-1.

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search south of 13N; however, the latter submarine was warned that the route between the positions for June 6 and 7 might not be direct. 16

At 0230 (GCT) on June 5 at position 16-20N, 151-28E the Whale, while patrolling the Empire-Truk route, sighted the masts and king posts of a large ship, later identified as the H.I.J.M.S. Kamikawa class seaplane tender. The mast of the escort vessel was also sighted but the submarine was unable to identify it. Beginning at 1210 (GCT) four torpedoes were fired at the tender, with three hits. 17 The escort vessel unsuccessfully attempted to intercept the American submarine but no damage was inflicted, and at 1212 (GCT) the target's screws stopped and tremendous explosions were heard. It was believed that the vessel sank about twenty eight minutes after the first hit. 18 This was a positive contact with the target reported in ComSubPac dispatch 19 020659.

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- 16 - VI, Case 4, B-1.
 - 17 - VI, Case 4, C-2.
 - 18 - Ibid.
 - 19 - VI, Case 4, B-1.

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June 2, 1943

Case 5

The U.S.S. Salmon learned in a Com-SubPac message of June 2 that three unidentified ships and one escort vessel would be at position 29-33N, 137-20E and 33-03N, 137-58E at 0300 (GCT) on June 3 and 4. Apparently there was a change of course between positions for after reaching 30 north the course was 10 degrees true bearing until reaching 138-07E at which time it would change again and the convoy would head for Yokosuka, arriving there at 2000 (GCT) on June 4. The U.S.S. Triager was instructed to intercept any vessels which were missed by the Salmon.

The ComSubPac message was received, and on June 3, the Salmon arrived in the assigned position and began a surface patrol. At 0545 (GCT) a convoy consisting of three large tankers, two torpedo boats, and one OCA was sighted in position 30-03N, 137-38E. An attack was conducted at 0750

20 - VI, Case 5, E-1.
21 - VI, Case 5, C-1.
22 - VI, Case 5, C-2.

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(GCT) and four torpedoes, three of which were heard to explode, were fired at the nearest freighter. Three stern tubes were then fired at the next vessel in line, but apparently one of the torpedoes fired at the first freighter had hit the second one. The patrol boat, approached the submarine, forcing it to submerge at 0753 (GCT). Two hours and fifteen minutes later, the Salmon proceeded to the scene of the attack and at 1445 (GCT) at position 31-04N, 137-35E a radar contact was made and after determining the course to be between 310° and 340° it was concluded that the target had made a radical change since the attack. The submarine continued on the course to intercept the freighter and decided on a submerged attack at dawn (K time). At 1950 (GCT) at position 31-36N, 137-22E the tops of the target were sighted and the Salmon was confident of interception; however, the convoy made another radical change of course back to the original ten degrees true bearing and rapidly passed out of sight. ²³

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This was a positive contact with the Ultra²⁴ target. Having lost the contact the submarine²⁵ set its course to return to the assigned area.

The U.S.S. Trigger did not sight any surface craft on June 3, and no entry was made in the War Patrol Report for June 4 or 5. No contact²⁶ with the convoy was reported.

June 3, 1943

Case 6

The information that a convoy of twelve unidentified merchantmen plus an escort vessel was heading northeast along the China coast was sent to the U.S.S. Seawolf and the U.S.S. Tinosa in ComSubPac dispatch 030316.²⁷ The noon positions (I time) of the convoy were given for June 3 through June 6 and the two submarines were warned to watch out for one another and to steer clear of American mine fields off²⁸ Wenchow Bay and in the approaches to Shanghai.

At 2019 (GCT) on June 4 the U.S.S.

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- 24 - VI, Case 5, B-1.
 - 25 - VI, Case 5, C-2.
 - 26 - VI, Case 5, C-5.
 - 27 - VI, Case 6, B-1.
 - 28 - Ibid.

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Seawolf sighted an eleven ship convoy plus at least one Wakatake destroyer at position 30-45N, 125-36E.²⁹ This was almost the exact position³⁰ given for the Ultra target on June 5; however, the convoy was not seen closer than ten miles and the submarine was unable to close for attack. Several distant explosions were heard, and it was thought that either the U.S.S. Tinosa was attacking the convoy or the escort vessels were in false³¹ contact.

The Seawolf was sighted by the destroyer and was forced to submerge at 0656 (GCT) on June 5. About four hours later the course was set in order to catch up with the vessels; however, at 1337 (GCT) the submarine realized that it had allowed a larger convoy to pass by on a reverse course of the one which it was pursuing. There were about twenty ships within a range of forty miles and the question was which target to intercept. A quick estimate showed that the northbound convoy could not be reached before dawn (R. time)

29 - VI, Case 6, C-2.

30 - VI, Case 6, B-1.

31 - Ibid.

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while the southbound vessels could be intercepted about midnight (H time) in spite of their high speed. At 2007 (H) on June 5 at position 31-32N, 128-57E, one ship with three escorts was attacked. The target was not identified except as a large coal-burning ship, and the probable sinking of one escort was reported. Conditions indicated that a second attack would be more successful in daylight; however, the target was lost and was not recovered.³² This contact was not with the Ultra target³³ but with the southbound convoy.³⁴

³⁵ The Tinosa received the ComSubPac dispatch but on June 3 the submarine was too far to the east of the target. On the following day at 2203 (GCT) a convoy of twelve merchantmen and one destroyer was sighted at position 30-54N, 128-45E. At 0118 (GCT) an attack was conducted and two hits were made on the largest ship similar to the Enslin Maru. Two hours and forty-eight

32 - Ibid.

33 - VI, Case 6, B-1.

34 - VI, Case 6, C-2.

35 - VI, Case 6, C-4.

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minutes later a destroyer was sighted but was
lost due to poor visibility.³⁶ The contact was
positive in regard to the convoy reported in
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Ultra.

June 3, 1943

Case 7

According to a ComSubPac dispatch
of June 3, two unidentified ships plus two escort
vessels had sailed from position 50-44N, 156-11E
at 1800 (GCT) on June 2 and were en route to
position 45-58N, 143-25E, arriving there at 0100
(GCT) on June 5. This information together with
the noon position (I time) of the convoy for June
4, was sent to the U.S.S. Runner for action.³⁸

The submarine completed its First
War Patrol in April and was apparently lost at
sea during the Second Patrol; therefore, no con-
tact report is available for June, 1943.³⁹

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- 36 - VI, Case 6, C-5.
 - 37 - VI, Case 6, B-1.
 - 38 - VI, Case 7, B-1.
 - 39 - Ed. Note.

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June 4, 1943

Case 8

The U.S.S. Seadragon learned in Com-SubPac operational dispatch 040910 that one unidentified vessel and a destroyer escort were due to arrive at position 7-00N, 158-12E at 0630 (GCT) on June 5. ⁴⁰ At 2130 (GCT) on June 4 the Seadragon dived with Ponape bearing 170 degrees true, and on the following day the submarine began to close the Ponape Harbor entrance. At 2020 (GCT) the masts of two destroyers, later identified as of the Azashio class, were sighted zigzagging on course 095 degrees. The enemy vessels headed in to the Ponape Harbor entrance, preceeding the Seadragon by 8000 yards, and disappeared around Takatik Island. Although the harbor entrance was patrolled ⁴¹ for several more hours, nothing else was sighted. There was no contact with the target reported in ⁴² Ultra.

40 - VI, Case 8, B-1.

41 - VI, Case 8, C-2.

42 - VI, Case 8, B-1.

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June 5, 1943

Case 9

According to a Japanese dispatch of June 3, two carriers with several escort vessels were scheduled to depart Truk about 0400 (I time).⁴³ The exact date of departure was not clear in the translation but it was later confirmed as June 4.⁴⁴ This intelligence was sent by ComSubPac to the U.S.S. Sunfish and the U.S.S. Tunny, and the U.S.S. Whale was informed that the convoy would pass from 100 to 130 miles west of the Mariana Islands.⁴⁵

The ComSubPac message was received and on June 4 and 5 the Sunfish conducted a patrol along the Marianas-Truk routes. Nothing was sighted,⁴⁷ and there was no contact with the Ultra target.⁴⁸

The Tunny, on June 4, surfaced and set its course for the assigned area, submerging twelve miles south of Truk Atoll two days later. On June 7 an Amigiri type destroyer was sighted

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- 43 - VI, Case 9, A-1.
 - 44 - VI, Case 9, B-2.
 - 45 - VI, Case 9, B-1.
 - 46 - VI, Case 9, C-1.
 - 47 - VI, Case 9, C-2.
 - 48 - VI, Case 9, B-1.

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and unsuccessfully attacked after which the
submarine patrolled the Truk-Kavieng route.⁴⁹

Since the convoy reported by Com-
SubPac⁵⁰ was en route to Yokosuka, and the submarine⁵¹
conducted a patrol in the opposite direction, no⁵²
contact was made with the Ultra target.

The Whale was in the vicinity of the
Mariana Islands and Truk from June 3 through June⁵³
5, but the convoy reported in 051203⁵⁴ was not
sighted.

June 6, 1943

Case 10

From ComSubPac operational dispatch
060042, the U.S.S. Sargo learned that an unescorted
freighter had departed Kwajalein June 3 en route
to Wake where it was scheduled to arrive at 2100⁵⁵
(GGT) three days later.

On June 5 and 6 the submarine was
cruising on the surface in the vicinity of Wake.
The patrol was uneventful, however, and no contact

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- 49 - VI, Case 9, C-4.
 - 50 - VI, Case 9, B-1.
 - 51 - VI, Case 9, C-4.
 - 52 - VI, Case 9, B-1.
 - 53 - VI, Case 1, C-2; Case 4, C-2.
 - 54 - VI, Case 9, B-1.
 - 55 - VI, Case 10, B-1.

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with any vessel was reported.

June 6, 1943

Case 11

On June 6 at 0347 (GCT) ComSubPac sent the following information to the U.S.S. Sculpin,
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the U.S.S. Trigger and the U.S.S. Salmon. A task force composed of two carriers and three destroyers was scheduled to be at position 31-30N, 142-10E at 1500 (GCT) on June 8. The Sculpin was ordered to take its station at the position given, and the Trigger and Salmon were directed to patrol at a distance of 10 miles bearing 360 and 300 degrees respectively from the Sculpin's position. The submarines were to be at their stations by 0900 (GCT) on June 8 and they were to keep their presence in the vicinity undetected until contact was made or until after 0000 (GCT) June 9 if contact were missed.
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At 1245 (GCT) on June 6, the U.S.S. Sculpin decrypted the ComSubPac dispatch 060347

56 - VI, Case 10, C-2.

57 - VI, Case 11, B-1.

58 - Ibid.

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and proceeded to the assigned position. Two days later at 1400 (GCT) two carriers and an escort vessel, either a cruiser or a large destroyer, were sighted at position 31-30N, 143-10E. Four torpedoes were fired at the last carrier crippling the vessel, but the submarine was unable to gain position for a stern shot, and at 1425 (GCT), sight contact was lost. The Sculpin back tracked in a search for the target, but results were negative. Anticipating air and surface opposition, the submarine submerged and patrolled in a line northwest and south of the position of the task force. This is a positive contact with the Ultra target.

The U.S.S. Trigger received the

ComSubPac dispatch and at 1440 (GCT) on June 8 in position 31-41N, 141-56E two aircraft carriers with destroyer screening vessels were contacted by radar. One hour and fifty minutes later the target was sighted, but contact was lost due to insufficient speed power of the submarine.

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- 59 - VI, Case 11, C-2.
 - 60 - VI, Case 11, C-2.
 - 61 - VI, Case 11, B-1.
 - 62 - VI, Case 11, C-4.
 - 63 - VI, Case 11, C-5.

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This was also a positive contact with the task
force reported in Ultra.⁶⁴

At 0800 (GCT) on June 8 the U.S.S. Salmon arrived at its assigned position. At 1020 (GCT) at position 31-09N, 142-30E two large shapes were sighted and assuming this to be a convoy, which had been previously sighted, the Salmon began to close for attack.⁶⁵ It soon became apparent, however, that the contact was with the carrier group reported in the ComSubPac dispatch and the submarine began to trail the vessels. At 1416 (GCT), the exact time when the Sculpin had attacked the carriers, the Salmon heard several explosions.⁶⁶ There was no further contact with the carrier group and since the Salmon was completely out of the fight, it set its course to carry out a special mission.⁶⁷

In the same Ultra dispatch, the Sculpin had also been ordered to search for an

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- 64 - VI, Case 11, B-1.
 - 65 - VI, Case 11, C-8.
 - 66 - VI, Case 11, B-1.
 - 67 - VI, Case 11, C-2.
 - 68 - VI, Case 11, C-8.

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unidentified ship in the same vicinity as the task force. The noon positions (I time) for the vessel were given for June 8 and 9, however, the submarine was occupied with the carrier group at this time and was unable to search for the second target.

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Case 12

An enemy submarine plus an escort vessel was believed to be en route to Yokosuka via Chichi Shima. It had been located by direction finder at 1203 (GCT) on June 6 at position 25N, 140E, and ComSubPac sent this intelligence to all American submarines copying the RPA schedule. Although the U.S.S. Trigger was in the general vicinity of this position, an enemy submarine was not sighted. None of the other American submarines on patrol at this time sighted such a vessel.

69 - VI, Case 11, B-1.
70 - VI, Case 11, C-2.
71 - VI, Case 12, B-1.
72 - VI, Case 12, C-2.

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Case 13

The Commander of the Shonan Maru
#15 was given the noon positions (I time) for
June 8 through 11 of a ship en route to the North
Passage of Truk.⁷³ The U.S.S. Whale and the U.S.S.
Sunfish received this information in ComSubPac
dispatch 071750 and were ordered to search for the
target one degree north and south respectively
of 12-30 north.⁷⁴

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The message was received and on June
8 while patrolling near Saipan, the U.S.S. Whale
sighted a 400-ton trawler type patrol vessel off
the Tanapag Harbor entrance at 0257 (GCT) at po-
sition 15-16N, 145-34E. The submarine surfaced
and set its course for the Empire-Truk route south-
east of Saipan. A patrol was being conducted, when
at 0530 (GCT) on June 9 at position 12-46N, 148-49E
the masts and king posts of two large freighters
were sighted. Six hours and thirty five minutes
later the same two freighters were again sighted,

73 - VI, Case 13, A-1.
74 - VI, Case 13, B-1.
75 - VI, Case 13, C-1.

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this time with escort. At 1146 (GCT) on June 9 an attack was conducted, damaging the freighters. Both the Kano Maru and the Amigasan Maru were be-
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lieved to have sunk. Although the convoy attacked was one degree farther south than the Ultra target for that day, this may be considered as a positive contact.

On June 8 after patrolling east of Marillo Island, the U.S.S. Sunfish set its course
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for 11-40N, 149-25E. At 1630 (GCT) on the following day, a patrol vessel was sighted, and while the submarine was heading for an attack position, a seven ship convoy was also sighted at 11-14N, 149-50E at 1915 (GCT). One of the vessels in the convoy was a damaged freighter of the Kamikura class maru. The Sunfish began a high speed approach, but broke off the attack when three other patrol vessels, apparently covering the rear of the convoy, prevented the submarine's surfacing as early as had been planned. At 0833 (GCT) on

76 - VI, Case 13, C-2.
77 - VI, Case 13, C-5.

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June 10, the Sunfish surfaced and pursued the
convoy. Contact was not regained, however, because
either additional towing facilities from Truk were
provided, or the damaged ship was able to make re-
pairs and proceed at a higher speed, or the base
course of the convoy had been altered.⁷⁸ This is a
probable contact with the target reported in Ultra.

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Case 14

A Japanese dispatch of June 6
originated by the Saigon Local Transportation
Section Chief, and containing information concern-
ing the sailing schedule of a vessel was intercepted
by Radio Intelligence.⁷⁹ Operational headquarters re-
ceived the intelligence and in ComSubPac dispatch
071842 the U.S.S. Seawolf learned the noon positions
of the unidentified maru from June 8 through June 10.⁸⁰

Patrolling the China Sea from Nagasaki
to Formosa, the submarine sighted two patrol vessels

78 - Ibid.
79 - VI, Case 14, A-1.
80 - VI, Case 14, B-1.

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on June 8. On the following day, twenty-five miles north of Wenchow Bay, a southwest course was taken; however, the patrol was uneventful and nothing was sighted, probably due to poor visibility. On June 11, the submarine closed the China Coast and at 1035 (GCT) on June 12 at position 26-02N, 121-30E a six ship convoy plus one destroyer and a ship trailing four miles astern was sighted. An unsuccessful attack was made on the trailing vessel, and at 2036 (GCT) the attack having been abandoned, the Seawolf⁸¹ took a reverse course of the convoy.

The submarine apparently engaged⁸² in trailing this convoy, had been unable to⁸³ pursue the Ultra target.

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Case 15

According to a Japanese Intelligence dispatch, there were convoy movements from Palau⁸⁴ beginning June 11. From ComSubPac, the U.S.S. Hoe and the U.S.S. Sargo received orders to omit their

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- 81 - VI, Case 14, C-2.
 - 82 - Ibid.
 - 83 - VI, Case 14, B-1.
 - 84 - VI, Case 15, A-1.

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reconnaissance missions and sail to areas 11⁸⁵
southeast and 11a respectively. This was later⁸⁶
corrected to areas 10 southeast and 10a. In the
same message the U.S.S. Whale was informed that
another convoy would be at given positions at noon
(I time) from June 8 thru 10 en route from Saipan
to Truk.⁸⁷

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Radio reception was complete, and on
June 11 the Hoe entered the assigned area, patrol-
ling the Palau-New Guinea traffic lanes. There were
no important contacts until June 14 when at 1423
(GCT) in position 6-32N, 134-51E a convoy of one
freighter and two escort vessels was sighted.
Three torpedoes were fired and there was one hit,
damaging a freighter similar to the Chile Maru⁸⁹
class. It is believed that the vessel was sunk.
This is a possible contact with one of the convoy
movements, reported in Ultra.

The U.S.S. Sargo was in the assigned
area and on June 12 a tanker was sighted and unsuc-

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- 85 - VI, Case 15, B-1.
 - 86 - VI, Case 15, B-2.
 - 87 - VI, Case 15, B-1.
 - 88 - VI, Case 15, C-1.
 - 89 - VI, Case 15, C-2.

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cessfully attacked. On the following day at 0607 (GCT) at position 6-04N, 139-45E a convoy of three tankers and one SC was sighted. Twelve hours later an attack was conducted and the second largest maru, similar to the Taibun Maru was sunk by two hits. The submarine surfaced and began a chase of the convoy, and at 0214 (GCT) on June 14 at position 6-35N, 136-57E the largest of the three marus was believed sunk by one hit. This vessel, though smaller, was similar to the Taihoku Maru. Three days later another, larger convoy was sighted at position 4-40N, 142-51E; however, after two approaches, the attack was abandoned.

It is not possible, however, that these contacts were with the targets reported in Ultra since the convoys attacked were heading toward Palau and those reported in Ultra were leaving the island.

Meanwhile the U.S.S. Whale, searching for the convoy reported in ComSubPac 080419, set its course for the Empire-Truk route, through

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- 90 - VI, Case 15, C-5.
 - 91 - Ibid.
 - 92 - VI, Case 15, B-1.
 - 93 - Ibid.

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the Marianas, southeast of Saipan. At 0530 (GCT)
on June 9, two large freighters were sighted at
position 12-46N, 148-49E, and at 1146 (GCT) an
attack was conducted damaging and possibly sinking
the two vessels. The freighters were the Kano
Maru and the Amigasan Maru.

There was no further contact reported
at this time since from June 10 to June 11, the
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Whale was en route to Midway. This is not a con-
tact with the Ultra target since according to the
Japanese Intelligence dispatch, the convoy reported
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in Ultra consisted of nine vessels. In addition,
the freighters were attacked at a position directly
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to the east and off course of the positions given
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for the convoy for June 9.

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Case 16

The U.S.S. Seawolf, in an operational
dispatch from ComSubPac received orders to inter-
cept a convoy which would be at positions 32-22N,
125-19E; 28-24N, 122-35E; and 24-06N, 119-52E at

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- 94 - VI, Case 15, C-8.
95 - Ibid.
96 - VI, Case 15, A-3.
97 - VI, Case 15, C-8.
98 - VI, Case 15, B-1.

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0300 (GCT) on June 8, 9, 10 respectively. ⁹⁹

The message was received, and at ¹⁰⁰
this time the Seawolf was patrolling the East
China sea and the China coast. A search was made,
but there was nothing sighted until June 12 when
at 1035 (GCT) a six ship convoy with destroyer
escort and one vessel trailing astern was sighted
in position 26-02N, 121-30E. An attack was con-
ducted but there were no hits and the convoy was
abandoned. ¹⁰¹ The convoy attacked on June 12 was in ¹⁰²
position two degrees north and east of the position
of the convoy reported in the ComSubPac dispatch
for June 10. ¹⁰³ This is not a contact with the Ultra
target.

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Case 17

According to a Japanese Intelligence
dispatch of June 7 the Gosyu Maru plus another
vessel were en route from Truk to Miyake Shima and

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- 99 - VI, Case 16, B-1.
 - 100 - VI, Case 16, C-1.
 - 101 - VI, Case 16, C-2.
 - 102 - Ibid.
 - 103 - VI, Case 16, B-1.

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the noon positions (I time) of the convoy were
listed from June 8 through 13.¹⁰⁴ In ComSubPac
message 081011, the U.S.S. Flying Fish and the
U.S.S. Scorpion received the report of the con-
voy movement with the noon positions (I time)
given for June 10 through 13.¹⁰⁵

On June 10 at 0204 (GCT) in posi-
tion 24-55N, 145-36E, a convoy of three freighters
and two escort vessels was sighted by the Flying
Fish. One of the freighters, identified as the
Kansai Maru was chosen as the primary target.
Twenty three minutes later the submarine began
the attack, and the maru damaged with one hit was
reported as a probable sinking.¹⁰⁶ It is doubtful that
this is a contact with the target reported in Ultra
since the position of the convoy attacked was three
degrees farther north and four degrees farther east
on June 10 than was the Ultra target for that day.¹⁰⁷¹⁰⁸

Radio reception for the U.S.S.
Scorpion was complete; however, the submarine was¹⁰⁹

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- 104 - VI, Case 17, A-1.
 - 105 - VI, Case 17, B-1.
 - 106 - VI, Case 17, C-2.
 - 107 - Ibid.
 - 108 - VI, Case 17, B-1.
 - 109 - VI, Case 17, C-4.

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en route from Midway to its assigned area from June 2 through June 21, and apparently no search was made for the convoy.¹¹⁰

June 8, 1943

Case 18

At 0300 (GCT) on June 9, the Iro¹¹¹ was being towed through position 30-26N, 133-33E. This information was sent to the U.S.S. Tinosa for action,¹¹² and the message was received.¹¹³ At 1234 (GCT) at position 31-35N, 132-43E a seven-ship convoy was sighted, and eleven minutes later the Tinosa identified the target as a Shiratoke class maru and the Iro. At 1942 (GCT) the submarine made an attack, observing two hits. Five minutes later, the Tinosa was forced down by depth charges from the escort vessel, and nothing else was sighted.¹¹⁴ This is a positive contact with the target reported in ComSubPac 081452.

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- 110 - VI, Case 17, C-5.
 - 111 - VI, Case 18, A-1.
 - 112 - VI, Case 18, B-1.
 - 113 - VI, Case 18, C-1.
 - 114 - VI, Case 18, C-2.

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Case 19

In an operation dispatch of June 8, the U.S.S. Flying Fish received the information that a convoy would be at position 28-37N, 143-34E at 0300 (GCT) on June 9 and at position 24-54N, 145-38E at the same time on the following day. More information on this target at a later date¹¹⁵ was promised to those submarines further south.

On June 10, the Flying Fish conducted a surface patrol east of the Volcano Islands. At 0204 (GCT) on that day three freighters with two escorts were observed in convoy at position 24-55N, 145-36E. The freighter on the western flank was identified as the Kansai Maru and was chosen as the primary target. At 0227 (GCT) an attack was conducted and the maru, damaged with one hit,¹¹⁶ was believed to have sunk. Since the position given for the Ultra target in the Com-¹¹⁷SubPac dispatch was the same as that of the

115 - VI, Case 19, B-1.
116 - VI, Case 19, C-2.
117 - VI, Case 19, B-1.

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convoy attacked, this is considered a positive contact with the vessels reported in the operational message.

June 9, 1943

Case 20

An unescorted freighter was scheduled to be at given positions at 0300 (GCT) on June 10 through June 12. This intelligence was sent in an operational dispatch to the U.S.S. Scorpion on June 9 at 0733 (GCT); however, the submarine had departed Midway on June 2 and from June 9 to June 12, it was en route to its assigned area, apparently in the East China Sea. No search was conducted for the freighter reported in Ultra.

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Case 21

On June 9, ComSubPac ordered the U.S.S. Salmon and the U.S.S. Trigger to intercept, if possible, the largest and newest of the Japanese

113 - VI, Case 19, C-3.
119 - VI, Case 20, B-1.
120 - VI, Case 20, C-2.

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carriers and two destroyer escorts departing Yokosuka at 0500 (GCT) on June 10 apparently en route to Truk. On course 155 degrees until reaching position 33-55N, 140E, the task force was then to reduce its speed and change the course to 230 degrees.¹²¹

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The message was received and on June 9, the Salmon was proceeding at high speed to arrive in the designated position on the following day. On June 10 a large shape was sighted on the horizon, but on June 11 at position 33-30N, 139-17E as the submarine was approaching for attack on what was thought to be a destroyer, it was discovered, as visibility improved, that the target was a small rock resembling a ship in silhouette.¹²³ Nothing further was sighted, and there was no contact with the task force reported in the ComSubPac dispatch.¹²⁴

At 0924 (GCT) on June 10, the U.S.S. Triager sighted a large carrier with two destroyer A/S screens at position 34-13N, 139-50E. Thirty minutes later six torpedoes were fired at the carrier with four hits. Depth charge attacks were

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- 121 - VI, Case 21, B-1.
 - 122 - VI, Case 21, C-1.
 - 123 - VI, Case 21, C-2.
 - 124 - VI, Case 21, B-1.

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conducted against the Trigger; however, the submarine succeeded in submerging in time to avoid damage. The results reported were the possible sinking of the carrier, the loss of tens of millions of yen, months of work, vast quantities of material and equipment, and the tie-up of a huge dry-dock in order to convert the wreck into a man-of-war.¹²⁵ This positive contact with the Ultra target was verified by a dispatch from the U.S.S. Trigger to ComSubPac at 1430 on June 11;¹²⁶ by several Japanese dispatches dating from June 10 through 12,¹²⁷ and by ComSubPac dispatch 110345.¹²⁸ In this latter Ultra message, congratulations were sent to the victorious submarine and both the Trigger and the Salmon were informed that the carrier was being towed back to Yokosuka from the approximate vicinity of 34-14N, 139-52E. If either submarine were in position there was a possibility of further attack on the enemy vessels.¹²⁹ The Salmon, however, after submerging in the vicinity of the Trigger attack, sighted

125 - VI, Case 21, C-5.

126 - VI, Case 21, D-17.

127 - VI, Case 21, D-1 - D-16.

128 - VI, Case 21, B-2.

129 - Ibid.

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nothing and on June 12 set its course to clear
the area and return to its base. The Triager,¹³⁰
on June 10 at 1644 (GCT) set its course for home
since the time for patrolling the area had ex-
pired.¹³¹ There was no further contact with the
damaged task force.

June 9, 1943

Case 22

Radio Intelligence intercepted a
Japanese dispatch from the Commanding Officer of
the Irako and learned that the vessel would be at
position 08-35N, 152-50E at 1000 (GCT), on June 9;
position 14N, 153-10E at 1000 (GCT) on June 10,
and on the following day would head for position
29N, 146-55E.¹³² This information was sent from
ComSubPac to the U.S.S. Sunfish for action.¹³³

At this time, however, the Sunfish
was too far to the east and south of the positions
given in the Ultra dispatch and on June 9 and 10
it was trailing a convoy in the vicinity of 11-14N,

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- 130 - VI, Case 21, C-2.
 - 131 - VI, Case 21, C-5.
 - 132 - VI, Case 22, A-1.
 - 133 - VI, Case 22, B-1.

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149-50E. There was no contact with the target reported in ComSubPac dispatch.

June 9, 1943

Case 23

According to a Japanese Intelligence dispatch originated at Base Force #8 on June 8, two marus with an escort vessel were scheduled to arrive at the West Channel of Truk at 0400 (GCT) on June 12. Their noon positions were listed for June 9 through 11.¹³⁵ The intelligence, including the number of vessels, their destination and their noon positions (I time) was sent to the U.S.S. Tunny for action.¹³⁶

On June 9, the Tunny conducted a submerged patrol of Piaanu Pass and at 2025 (GCT) sighted a tanker with destroyer escort at position 6-10N, 150-28E. The target disappeared from sight and the submarine was too close to Truk to risk a surface pursuit.¹³⁷ This was not a contact with either freighter reported by ComSubPac since the Ultra target was not scheduled to arrive at Truk.

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- 134 - VI, Case 22, C-2.
135 - VI, Case 23, A-1.
136 - VI, Case 23, B-1.
137 - VI, Case 23, C-2.

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until June 12 and the vessel sighted was within two degrees of the island on June 9.

At 2057 (GCT) on June 10, at position 3-56N, 152-15E the Tunny sighted smoke bearing 156^{CT}; however, the submarine was driven¹³⁸ down by an air screen and the contact was lost.

A convoy was sighted on June 12 at position 6-48N, 151-44E,¹³⁹ but since both of these contacts were approximately fifteen degrees to the south of the position given for the Ultra convoy these cannot be considered contacts with the ComSubPac target.

In the same dispatch, the information concerning the convoy reported for the U.S.S. Flying Fish in Ultra 081547¹⁴⁰ was repeated in further detail, again a target for the Flying Fish in the north, and also for the Tunny and the Whale in the south.¹⁴¹ Four days later on June 13, another Com-SubPac dispatch informed the submarines that the convoy might be delayed due to an attack by the Flying Fish.¹⁴² The target had been sighted on

138 - Ibid.

139 - Ibid.

140 - VI, Case 19, B-1.

141 - VI, Case 23, B-1.

142 - VI, Case 23, B-2.

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June 10 in position 24-55N, 145-36E, and one of the freighters, the Kansai Maru was attacked and damaged with one hit.¹⁴³

From June 10 through 13, the U.S.S. Whale was en route to Midway, and was not in the vicinity at the time that the convoy was scheduled to arrive in his location.¹⁴⁴ The delay of the target due to the attack by the Flying Fish¹⁴⁵ made it even more impossible for the Whale to contact the vessels.

June 18, 1943

Case 24

On the morning of June 10, ComSubPac informed the U.S.S. Whale that a convoy would be at given positions at 0300 (GCT) on June 15 and 16 in the vicinity north and east of Saipan.¹⁴⁶ The submarine was unable to intercept the target, however,¹⁴⁷ since it was en route to Midway at the time.

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- 143 - VI, Case 23, C-5.
 - 144 - VI, Case 23, C-8.
 - 145 - VI, Case 23, C-5.
 - 146 - VI, Case 24, B-1.
 - 147 - VI, Case 24, C-2.

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June 10, 1943

Case 25

Destroyer Division 10, was scheduled to depart Yokosuka at 1400 (I time) on June 10. This enemy unit had embarked 259 men of the 30th pioneers and was en route to Paramushiro Straits; arriving there on the evening of June 13.¹⁴⁸ ComSub-Pac sent this information to ComTaskFor 16 in Ultra 100857¹⁴⁹ and in Ultra 101031.¹⁵⁰ Approximately four and one half hours later the S-33 received orders to cover Yomushiro and adjacent straits on June 12, and the S-30 was instructed to search for the destroyers in the vicinity of Ohekosnukuru.¹⁵¹

The S-33 conducted patrols in rough seas from June 11 through June 13. Visibility was poor due to rain and mist and no contact was made with the destroyers.¹⁵²

The message was received and on June 13,¹⁵³ the U.S.S. S-30 was in the vicinity of Paramushiro. The submarine surfaced on the eastern

148 - VI, Case 25, A-1.
149 - VI, Case 25, B-1.
150 - VI, Case 25, B-2.
151 - VI, Case 25, B-3.
152 - VI, Case 25, C-2.
153 - VI, Case 25, C-3.

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side of Onokotan Kaikyo and at 1823 (GCT) a 5000 ton merchantman similar to the Kimisima Maru was sighted and attacked at position 49-48N, 155-28E. Three torpedoes were fired, but there were no hits. Feeling that the area would be on the alert, the submarine abandoned the search.¹⁵⁴ There was no contact with the destroyers reported in the Ultra dispatch.

June 10, 1943

Case 26

The Katori Maru, departing position 8-43N, 171-14E at 1730 (GCT) on June 9, was scheduled to arrive at position 01-30N, 173E, apparently Tarawa, at 0300 (GCT) three days later.¹⁵⁵ This intelligence was sent to the U.S.S. Pollack in ComSubPac dispatch 101422.¹⁵⁶ The submarine was patrolling in the vicinity of Jaluit on June 10 and 11 but attracted Japanese patrol planes and was forced to submerge. On June 12, a search was

154 - VI, Case 25, C-4.
155 - VI, Case 26, A-1.
156 - VI, Case 26, B-1.

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conducted along the Jaluit-Makin line, and toward
Wotje; however, a change of orders was received¹⁵⁷
from ComSubPac and the submarine headed south.
There was no contact with the Katori Maru.

June 11, 1943

Case 27

The U.S.S. Spearfish and the U.S.S. Seadragon learned, on June 11, that an unidentified ship with two escort vessels was en route from Wake to Kwajalein. The noon positions (I time) of the vessels were listed for June 11 and 12 with an additional position for 1800 (I time) on June 12. The convoy was scheduled to enter Mellu Channel¹⁵⁸ at 1220 (I time) on the following day. According to the Japanese intelligence dispatch, the ship¹⁵⁹ was the Yamakuni Maru; however, this information was not included in the operational message to the submarines.

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The message was received and on June 12 the U.S.S. Spearfish was in the exact position for that day, 12-38N, 168-43E. A search was con-

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- 157 - VI, Case 26, C-2.
 - 158 - VI, Case 27, B-1.
 - 159 - VI, Case 27, A-1.
 - 160 - VI, Case 27, C-1.

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ducted on the following two days but nothing was sighted, and apparently there was no contact with the Ultra target.¹⁶¹

On June 11, in the vicinity of Kwajalein, the U.S.S. Seadragon was searching for the convoy reported in ComSubPac 110619.

A freighter was sighted departing from Kwajalein but no attempt was made at pursuit because of lack of fuel and the uncertainty of the vessels course.¹⁶²

On June 13 at 0350 (GCT) a ship similar to the Hirokawa Maru and accompanied by two escort vessels was sighted at position 7-30N, 167-30E.- An attack was conducted and the freighter was damaged with two hits amidships; however, this is not a contact with the merchantman reported in Ultra since the vessel was attacked at a position several degrees south of Kwajalein.¹⁶³

June 11, 1943

Case 28

In an operational dispatch from Com-

161 - VI, Case 27, C-2.
162 - VI, Case 27, C-4.
163 - Ibid.

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SubPac dated June 11; the U.S.S. Sunfish learned that an unidentified vessel, probably without escort, would be given positions at 0300 (GCT) on June 11, 12, 13. The submarine was ordered to intercept the target if possible and to inform ComSubPac of the results.

The message was received, but on June 11, the Sunfish was engaged with a convoy in the vicinity of Truk, 10 degrees west of the target reported in Ultra. A dispatch was sent to ComSubPac explaining the reason for the late departure from the area and suggesting an additional two-day patrol in the vicinity; however, in Ultra 111817 operational headquarters ordered the Sunfish to set its course for home and attempt interception of the target en route. The positions were repeated and an additional position for June 14 was given. On June 12, 13 the submarine searched for the vessel but there were no contacts

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- 164 - VI, Case 28, B-1.
 - 165 - VI, Case 28, C-1.
 - 166 - VI, Case 28, C-2.
 - 167 - Ibid.
 - 168 - VI, Case 28, B-2.

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with the Ultra target and on the following day,
the Sunfish was en route to Pearl Harbor.¹⁶⁹

In the same dispatch ComSubPac had sent the information to the U.S.S. Finback and the U.S.S. Hoe that a five ship convoy, including the Dakar Maru would arrive at Palau at 0600 (GCT) on June 17. At an unknown time the convoy was scheduled to pass through position 32N, 132E while en route from position 13-30N, 132E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15 to its destination,¹⁷⁰ Palau; however, the position 32N is believed to be an error since it is approximately 19 degrees north of the positions between which the convoy was to sail. It is possible that the dispatch should have read 12N, 132E. On June 15, the Finback was conducting a surface patrol among the Empire-Palau trade lanes searching for the convoy and at 1038 (GCT) an unescorted ship was sighted. Three torpedoes were fired but due to the zigzagging of the vessel, there were no hits.

169 - VI, Case 28, C-2.
170 - VI, Case 28, B-1.

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Nothing else was sighted, and the submarine set its course for Australia, reporting no contact with the Ultra target.¹⁷¹

The Hoe was patrolling the area a little to the south of Palau on June 12 and 13. On June 14, at 1533 (GCT) at position 6-32N, 134-51E a radar contact was made with one ship and two escort vessels. Three torpedoes were fired and it was believed that a freighter of Chili Maru class was sunk with one hit.¹⁷² This is not a contact with the convoy reported in Ultra since the vessel was attacked on June 14 in a position too far to the south of Palau. In addition, the Ultra target was not scheduled to arrive at Palau until June 17th, three days after the Chili Maru was attacked.¹⁷³

June 11, 1943

Case 29

A large freighter was scheduled to be in position 29N, 151-55E at 1100 (GCT) on June

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- 171 - VI, Case 28, C-4.
 - 172 - VI, Case 28, C-6.
 - 173 - VI, Case 28, B-1.

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13 and in position 31-30N, 144-05E at 0300 (GCT)
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on the following day. This intelligence was
sent to the U.S.S. Scorpion in ComSubPac dispatch
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110923; however, at this time the submarine was
en route from Midway to its assigned area off the
China coast. There were no contacts reported with
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the Ultra target.

June 11, 1943

Case 30

The #3 Tonan Maru, the largest
tanker owned by the Japanese was en route from
Truk to Singapore via Palau. The noon positions
(I time) were given for June 12 through 14 plus
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the time of arrival at Anguar and Palau Islands.
This intelligence in addition to the information
concerning the convoy previously reported in Ultra
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110743 was sent to the U.S.S. Hoe and also to the
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U.S.S. Sargo. At this time, however, the Hoe
was engaged with the Chili Maru, and no other
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contacts were reported.

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- 174 - VI, Case 29, A-1.
 - 175 - VI, Case 29, B-1.
 - 176 - VI, Case 29, C-2.
 - 177 - VI, Case 30, A-1.
 - 178 - VI, Case 28, B-1.
 - 179 - VI, Case 30, B-1.
 - 180 - VI, Case 30, C-2.

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At 1010 (GCT) on June 12 at position 6-25N, 143-08E the Sargo sighted and attacked the Tonan Maru. Four torpedoes were fired; however, there were no hits, probably due to the zigzagging of the target. This was a positive contact with the Ultra target.

June 11, 1943

Case 31

Radio Intelligence decoded and translated a Japanese dispatch of June 10 concerning an eight ship convoy which was heading north along the China coast. Among the ships were the Heian Maru, and the Kizan Maru. The convoy was scheduled to depart from an unidentified point on June 11 and to arrive at its destination on June 17. Noon positions (I time) were listed for six days, but since there were no dates included in the translation, they were supplied by deduction and plot. The information concerning the convoy movement was sent to the U.S.S. Seawolf, and the noon positions

181 - VI, Case 30, C-4.

182 - VI, Case 31, A-1.

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were given from June 11 through the 14. The
U.S.S. Gannet patrolling farther north was to
received added information on this convoy at a
later date.¹⁸³

At 1035 (GCT) on June 12 at position
26-02N, 121-30E, the Seawolf sighted a six ship
convoy plus one destroyer and one ship trailing
four miles astern. Four torpedoes were fired at
the trailing vessel, but there were no hits.¹⁸⁴
This is a positive contact with the Ultra target.

In the same operational dispatch,
ComSubPac informed the U.S.S. Salmon that the
Japanese, beginning at 2200, were towing from
position 34-14N, 139-52E to the Empire; the
carrier, Hitake which had been damaged by the U.S.S.
Trigger on June 10. The submarine was instructed
to intercept the crippled vessel, but after sub-
marging in the vicinity of the Trigger, nothing
was sighted and the Salmon set its course to clear
the area and return to its base.¹⁸⁵
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- 183 - VI, Case 31, B-1.
 - 184 - VI, Case 31, C-2.
 - 185 - VI, Case 31, B-1.
 - 186 - VI, Case 21, C-6.
 - 187 - VI, Case 31, B-1.
 - 188 - VI, Case 31, C-5.

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June 12, 1943

Case 32

In the event that the U.S.S. Tinosa might be in position to make use of her remaining two torpedoes, ComSubPac sent the intelligence that a freighter would be at position 32-03N, 144-25E at 0300 (GCT) on June 12, and at position 33-58N, 140-55E at the same time on the subsequent day. The submarine was instructed not to spend too much time searching for the enemy vessel since there was a possibility that the Scorpion had attacked it farther south.¹⁸⁹

In addition, the information concerning the #3 Tonan Maru, which had been sent to the U.S.S. Sargo and the U.S.S. Hoe in ComSubPac dispatch 11095d,¹⁹⁰ was repeated in this Ultra serial.¹⁹¹ The Sargo was to attempt interception along the track and the Hoe between the position given for June 14 and Angua Island.¹⁹²

The Tinosa, at 0432 (GCT) on June 12, in position 32-39N, 143-07E sighted the masts of

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- 189 - VI, Case 32, B-1.
 - 190 - VI, Case 30, B-1.
 - 191 - VI, Case 32, B-1.
 - 192 - Ibid.

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two vessels. The submarine began an approach, but decided against an attack and the convoy was lost. On June 14 the Tinosa returned to Midway.¹⁹³ This is not a positive contact since the target reported in Ultra was a single freighter, while the submarine sighted a convoy. In addition, the positions which indicated that the convoy was in the same area as the freighter were given for June 13, the day after the convoy had been sighted.

At this time the U.S.S. Scorpion was en route from Midway to its assigned area off the China coast and no contacts were reported.¹⁹⁴

The #3 Tonan Maru was attacked by the U.S.S. Sargo at 1010 (GCT) on June 12 at position 6-25N, 143-08E. Four torpedoes were fired at the vessel; however, there were no hits.¹⁹⁵ This is a positive contact with the target reported in the ComSubPac dispatch.

193 - VI, Case 32, C-2.

194 - VI, Case 32, C-4.

195 - VI, Case 32, C-6.

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June 12, 1943

Case 33

A dispatch concerning the schedule of an unidentified vessel was originated by the Chief of Staff of the Yokosuka Naval District. The noon positions (I time) from June 12 through 18 were listed, together with points of departure and destination. When ComSubPac sent this intelligence to the U.S.S. Flying Fish only the positions for June 12, 13, and 14 were given, plus the information that the vessel might be a seaplane tender.

On June 13, the submarine was conducting a submerged patrol between the Volcano Islands when at 0243 (GCT) the masts of a hospital ship were sighted at position 24-30N, 141-30E. This was the approximate position given for the enemy vessel for June 13, and since the maru was unidentified in the Intelligence and operational dispatches, it is possible that this was a contact with the Ultra target.

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- 196 - VI, Case 33, A-1.
 - 197 - VI, Case 33, B-1.
 - 198 - VI, Case 33, C-2.

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From June 14 to 16, the Flying Fish patrolled west of the Bonin Islands and nothing further was sighted.
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June 12, 1943

Case 34

From a Japanese dispatch decoded and translated by Radio Intelligence, operational headquarters learned that a convoy, arriving at Kwajalein at 0500 (I time) on June 17, would pass through given positions at noon (I time) on June 13 through 16.
200 This information was sent to the U.S.S. Seadragon and the U.S.S. Spearfish, and the submarines were ordered to attempt interception east and west respectively of 163 east.
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At 0350 (GCT) on June 13 at position 7-30N, 167-30E, the Seadragon sighted a vessel similar to the Hirokawa Maru, accompanied by two trawlers as escorts. Four torpedoes were fired
202 damaging the maru with two hits amidships. It is doubtful that this is a contact with the target reported in Ultra, since the vessel attacked was

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- 199 - Ibid.
200 - VI, Case 34, A-1.
201 - VI, Case 34, B-1.
202 - VI, Case 34, C-2.

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thirteen degrees farther east than the Ultra target for that day. At 0328 (GCT) on June 16, the Seadragon also sighted a convoy consisting of an MKM freighter and a destroyer escort of the Kamikaze class. The vessels were in position 6N, 165E; however, the submarine did not attack. ²⁰³

This is a possible contact with the Ultra target.

²⁰⁴ The Spearfish received the ComSubPac message and on June 15 patrolled in the exact position of the convoy for that day, 6-55N, 161-50E.

There were no contacts with the Ultra target and on the following day, the submarine departed the area. ²⁰⁵

June 13, 1943

Case 35

In ComSubPac dispatch 121002 the U.S.S. Flying Fish had been instructed to search for an unidentified vessel, possibly a seaplane tender and noon positions (I time) had been listed for June 12 thru 14. ²⁰⁶ In Ultra 130340, the U.S.S.

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- 203 - Ibid.
 - 204 - VI, Case 34, C-4.
 - 205 - VI, Case 34, C-5.
 - 206 - VI, Case 33, B-1.

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Sargo was given the same intelligence with noon
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positions for June 16 and 17; however, later in
the day, the submarine received ComSubPac 131317
with the information that the Flying Fish had
contacted the maru and identified it as a hospital
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ship. The Sargo was then ordered to search for
the Aikoku Maru which was on course 299 degrees
True bearing and was scheduled to arrive at a
point 06-10N, 142-50E at 1630 (GCT) on June 15 at
which time the course would be changed to 341
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degrees.

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The ComSubPac message was received,
but there was no report for June 15 and 16 in the
Seventh War Patrol of the Sargo. At 0015 (GCT) on
June 17, a convoy was sighted at position 4-40N,
142-51E. Although the submarine was in the vicinity
of the area designated for Aikoku Maru there was no
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contact with the Ultra target reported.

207 - VI, Case 35, B-1.

208 - VI, Case 35, B-2.

209 - Ibid.

210 - VI, Case 35, C-1.

211 - VI, Case 35, C-2.

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June 14, 1943

Case 36

At 0220 (GCT) on June 14, the U.S.S. Snook received orders from ComSubPac to proceed at once to position 22N, 140E, arriving there by 2000 (GCT) on June 17. Further information was to be given to the submarine at a later date. ²¹²

The Ultra dispatch was received, ²¹³
and the Snook proceeded to the assigned area. There were no contacts made, and on June 20, the submarine conducted uneventful surface cruising with daily dives and drills. ²¹⁴

June 14, 1943

Case 37

The U.S.S. Halibut was ordered on June 14, to increase its speed in order to reach position 8N, 151E by 1600 (GCT) on June 20. This information was also sent to the U.S.S. Spearfish and both submarines were to receive further details at another time. ²¹⁵

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- 212 - VI, Case 36, B-1.
 - 213 - VI, Case 36, C-1.
 - 214 - VI, Case 36, C-2.
 - 215 - VI, Case 37, B-1.

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On June 19, the Halibut was en route to its assigned area and on the following day at 0704 (GCT) at position 8-07N, 151-29E the submarine sighted a destroyer which had apparently just departed from Truk. At 1043 (GCT), 1346 (GCT), and 1331 (GCT) respectively, a freighter with destroyer escort, a destroyer or patrol vessel, and another patrol vessel were sighted, all in the near vicinity of the assigned position. None of these ships were attacked, however, since the Halibut was awaiting further instructions from ComSubPac; ²¹⁶ see VI, Case 41).

The Spearfish sighted an eleven to fourteen ship task force on June 20 at 1747 (GCT) at position 8-42N, 149-18E fired four torpedoes but missed. ²¹⁷ This is a positive contact with the Ultra target, regarding which ComSubPac later sent several more dispatches to all submarines along the route of the Japanese war-ships; see VI, Case 40.

216 - VI, Case 37, C-2.
217 - VI, Case 37, C-5.

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June 14, 1943

Case 38

According to an intercepted Japanese Intelligence dispatch, an eight ship convoy was scheduled to sail south along the China coast. Several vessels were routed at positions 28-03N, 121-45E and 25-35N, 119-35E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15 and 16 respectively, while others, after separating from the convoy were to be at positions 28-10N, 121-34E and 25-40N at 0300 (GCT) on the same days. ²¹⁸

This information was sent to the ²¹⁹ U.S.S. Seawolf on June 14. Radio reception was ²²⁰ satisfactory, and on June 15, and 16 the submarine was in the assigned area, however, nothing of importance was sighted until 0122 (GCT) on June 18, when two transport vessels were contacted. The leading ship, similar to the Hokuyo Maru, was attacked and sunk with four hits at position 24-26N, ²²¹ 118-50E. This is a positive contact with one of the convoys reported in Ultra.

218 - VI, Case 38, A-1.
219 - VI, Case 38, B-1.
220 - VI, Case 38, C-1.
221 - VI, Case 38, C-2.

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At 1705 (GCT) on June 20, an eight ship convoy was sighted at position 24-02N, 120-02E. At 2245 (GCT) four bow tubes were fired at one of the tankers in the convoy, but no explosions were heard at the end of the run. This may also be considered a positive contact with one of the Ultra targets.

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Case 39

An unidentified vessel, en route to Palau was scheduled to be at position 17-20N, 133-35E at 0300 (GCT) on June 14, at position 12-05N, 131-10E at same time on the following day and at an unknown time it was passing through point 10-00N, 131-10E.

This intelligence was sent to the U.S.S. Finback for action and on June 14, the submarine was conducting a submerged patrol along the Toagel Klungui Pass at Palau. The following day the Empire-Palau trade lanes were being

222 - Idid.
223 - VI, Case 39, A-1.
224 - VI, Case 39, B-1.

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patrolled when an unescorted ship was sighted at position 10-00N, 131-10E. The Finback attacked the vessel, firing four shots, but there were no hits. ²²⁵ This is a positive contact with the Ultra target.

June 14, 1943

Case 40

A Japanese dispatch, originated on June 13 by the Commander of Battleship Division #3 was intercepted by Radio Intelligence. When it had been decoded and translated operational headquarters discovered that a large task force made up of approximately nineteen vessels was moving south-
²²⁶ward from the Empire. From ComSubPac dispatch 140520, the U.S.S. Scorpion, the U.S.S. Flying Fish, and the U.S.S. Snook learned that on June 16 at 1130 (GCT) the Task Force would be at position 34-06N, 138-25E; on the subsequent day at 0500 (GCT) at position 28-54N, 137-52E, and on June 19

225 - VI, Case 39, C-2.

226 - VI, Case 40, A-1.

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at 0230 (GCT) at position 15-20N, 140-27E.²²⁷ In order to avoid diversion of the main targets, the submarines were ordered to refrain from attacking minor targets in the vicinity of the task force. After contact and attack or after twenty four hours if no contact were made, the vessels were then to proceed to their assigned areas as had been previously directed. The Scorpion was to attempt interception of the task force at 28N, the Flying Fish between 24N²²⁸ and 28N, and the Snook at 20N.

En route from Midway to its assigned area near the China coast, the Scorpion missed all²²⁹ contacts from June 2 until June 22.

The Flying Fish was patrolling the area west of the Bonin Islands, and on June 17, at 1004 (GCT) at position 27-35N, 138-14E an enemy task force consisting of at least one battleship, one large carrier, and two cruisers with destroyers was sighted at a range of 11,800 yards.

227 - VI, Case 40, B-1.

228 - Ibid.

229 - VI, Case 40, C-2.

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No attack was conducted; however, this was a positive contact with the task force reported in Ultra. No further contacts were reported. 230

Although the ComSubPac message 231 was received and the Snook was in the designated area, the patrol was uneventful from June 16 through June 21, and no contacts were reported. 232

After another Japanese dispatch had 233 been intercepted, additional information concerning the task force was sent in Ultra 140917 to the U.S.S. Sargo, U.S.S. Tunny, U.S.S. Spearfish and the U.S.S. Halibut. Positions were given at various times for June 19 and 20 and the task force was scheduled to arrive at Truk at 0300 (GCT) on June 21. 234 In a later ComSubPac dispatch, Ultra 170929, further intelligence was given which informed the submarines concerned that at 0400 (GCT) on June 18, several destroyers would leave the formation and head directly for Saipan. 235

230 - VI, Case 40, C-4.
231 - VI, Case 40, C-6.
232 - VI, Case 40, C-7.
233 - VI, Case 40, A-4.
234 - VI, Case 40, B-2.
235 - VI, Case 40, B-3.

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Meanwhile, in reference to the main body of the Task Force the Sargo was to attempt interception northwest and the Tunny east of 11-25N, 143-45E, the 1915 (GCT) position for June 19, each working fairly close to that point in order to afford support for one another. The Spearfish and the Halibut were ordered to search west and south respectively of Ulul Island which is approximately 9N, 150E.²³⁶

²³⁷ The Sargo received the ComSubPac message and at 2028 (GCT) on June 17, proceeded toward the Northwest to the position ordered. On June 19, the submarine conducted a submerged patrol in the vicinity of the assigned point, but the Task Force was not sighted. No other contacts were reported and the Sargo returned to its area.²³⁸

The Tunny was patrolling on the surface north of West Faya Island and Faraulap Island. Submerging to avoid detection, the submarine patrolled East-West and North-South lines throughout the day and night of June 19 and 20.²³⁹ There were no contacts with the Ultra target.

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- 236 - VI, Case 40, B-2.
 - 237 - VI, Case 40, C-8.
 - 238 - VI, Case 40, C-9.
 - 239 - VI, Case 40, C-11.

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Radio reception was satisfactory,
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and the Spearfish received the Ultra dispatch.

A submerged patrol was conducted in the vicinity of Ulul, and on June 21, at 1737 (GCT) an eleven to fourteen ship convoy was sighted in position 8-29N, 149-20E. The submarine fired four tor-
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pedoes at a carrier, but there were no hits.

This is a positive contact with the target re-
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ported in the ComSubPac dispatch.

The Halibut was in the assigned area, but the Ultra target was not sighted. On June 20, a freighter and several destroyers and escort
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vessels were contacted; however, the Halibut withheld attack because of instructions from ComSub-
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Pac. On the following day the submarine patrolled between Truk and Ulul Island, but no enemy vessels
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were sighted.

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Case A1

The operating schedule of Destroyer

240 - VI, Case 40, C-12.
241 - VI, Case 40, C-13.
242 - VI, Case 40, B-1, B-2.
243 - VI, Case 40, C-16.
244 - VI, Case 40, B-1.
245 - VI, Case 40, C-16.

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Squadron #2 was intercepted by Radio Intelligence and sent in ComSubPac Ultra 140921 to the U.S.S. Seadragon and the U.S.S. Spearfish respectively for action and information. ²⁴⁷ Two destroyers, en route from Truk to Kwajalein were to be at position 8-16N, 159-48E at 0200 (GCT) on June 15, and at position 9-55N, 166E at 0200 (GCT) on the subsequent day. The vessels were scheduled to arrive at Mellu Channel (08-42N, 167-42E) at 0630 (GCT) ²⁴⁸ on June 16.

At 0328 (GCT) on June 15, the Seadragon sighted an MEKAW freighter with a Kamikaze class destroyer escort at position 6-00N, 165-00E. The submarine pursued the vessels but apparently ²⁴⁹ lost the contact the afternoon of June 16. This is not a contact with the target reported in Ultra since the Seadragon and the freighter were too far to the south and east of the vessels reported in Ultra.

The U.S.S. Spearfish received the

246 - VI, Case 41, A-1.
247 - VI, Case 41, B-1.
248 - Ibid.
249 - VI, Case 41, C-2.

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ComSubPac dispatch, and on June 16, the submarine
was in the vicinity of position 8-16N, 159-48E
searching for the Ultra target. There were no
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contacts with the vessels reported in Ultra
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140921.

June 14, 1943

Case 42

ComSubPac had intercepted a message
from the U.S.S. Greenling which stated that the
submarine was pursuing a ship thought to be the
Aikoku Maru. At 0630 (GCT) on June 14 the enemy
vessel was at position 2-22N, 149-45E and was be-
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lieved to be making 16.5 knots. This information
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was sent to the U.S.S. Sargo who previously had
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been ordered to search for the Aikoku Maru.
Both submarines were warned of one another's
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presence in the area.

On June 13 and 14, the Sargo was
engaged with a convoy in the vicinity of position

250 - VI, Case 41, C-4.
251 - VI, Case 41, C-5.
252 - VI, Case 41, B-1.
253 - VI, Case 42, B-1.
254 - Ibid.
255 - VI, Case 35, B-1.
256 - VI, Case 42, B-1.

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6N, 139-36E. This is too far to the north and west of the position reported for the Aikoku Maru for June 14. There was no contact with the ²⁵⁷ Ultra target.

June 14, 1943

Case 43

A message concerning a convoy movement was sent from the Commander of Destroyer Division #17 to the Palau Guard Division. The ²⁵⁸ message was intercepted by Radio Intelligence, and operational headquarters learned that the convoy would be at position 5-40N, 136-36E at 2000 (GCT) on June 13; at position 7-30N, 136-06E at 1200 (GCT) on the following day and at position 7-26N, 134-51E at 2000 (GCT), also on June 14, at ²⁵⁹ which time the course would be changed to 225. ComSubPac sent this information to the U.S.S. Hoe ²⁶⁰ in Ultra 141012.

At 1608 (GCT) on June 14, the U.S.S. Hoe sighted a convoy consisting of a freighter of

257 - VI, Case 42, C-2.
258 - VI, Case 43, A-1.
259 - Ibid.
260 - VI, Case 43, B-1.

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the Chili Maru class and two escort vessels. An attack was conducted at position 6-32N, 134-51E. Three torpedoes were fired with one hit, and it was believed that the tanker was sunk. This is a positive contact with the convoy reported in Ultra.

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Case 44

The information that a convoy was moving from the vicinity of Palau toward the south-east was sent to the U.S.S. Hoe and the U.S.S. Sargo for action. The noon positions were listed for June 15 through June 18, and the two submarines were warned to be on the alert for one another.

On June 15, the Hoe was engaged with the Chili class maru near Palau, and on the following two days the submarine patrolled the Palau-New Guinea traffic lanes. Continual rain, overcast skies and variable currents east of Palau made it impossible to arrive in position to intercept any vessels. There were no contacts with the Ultra

261 - VI, Case 43, C-2.
262 - VI, Case 44, B-1.

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target reported and the course was set for the
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northeast part of the area.

The Sargo sighted a convoy at 0015
(GCT) on June 17 at position 4-40N, 142-51E.

The attack was abandoned until the following day,
but on June 18, the submarine failed to reach a
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firing position. This was a positive contact with
the convoy reported in the ComSubPac dispatch.

June 14, 1943

Case 45

From ComSubPac, the U.S.S. Pollack
learned that an unidentified merchantman would be
at position 6-25N, 168E at 0300 (GCT) on June 15,
and at position 7-20N, 164-52E, at the same time
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on the following day. The submarine was in a
position approximately nine degrees to the east
of those reported for the merchantman. A number
of enemy planes had been contacted by radar, and
it is possible that because of them, the submarine
was unable to search for the Ultra target, since

263 - VI, Case 44, C-2.
264 - VI, Case 44, C-4.
265 - VI, Case 45, B-1.

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no contact with the vessel was reported.

June 16, 1943

Case 46

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In ComSubPac dispatch 160923, the
U.S.S. Hoe and the U.S.S. Sargo were warned that
in the east other submarines were on the alert
for the convoy reported in Ultra 141236. Pre-
caution was to be taken in attacking submarines
unless enemy identity was positive. Meanwhile,
the Hoe was informed of another convoy en route
to Palau which was stopping at Fais on June 17,
and was scheduled to be at position 8-30N, 139-30E
at 0300 (GCT) on June 18. In the same ComSubPac
message, the U.S.S. Tunny learned that beginning
approximately on June 24, a vessel given in the
Japanese Intelligence dispatch as the Akitsuki
was being towed from Saipan, en route to the
Empire.

On June 17, 18, the Hoe patrolled
the Fais-Palau traffic lanes; however, due to

266 - VI, Case 45, C-2.
267 - VI, Case 46, E-1.
268 - VI, Case 44, B-1.
269 - VI, Case 46, B-1.
270 - VI, Case 46, A-3.
271 - VI, Case 46, B-1.

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diverse weather conditions and variable currents, the submarine was unable to intercept any enemy vessels. 272 No contact was reported with the Ultra target.

On June 23, the Tunny, on surface, proceeded toward Saipan. At 2254 (GCT) a small freighter towing a damaged destroyer was sighted in position 15-24N, 145-33E. The submarine trailed the vessels through the following day but due to exceptionally poor visibility, the contact was lost at approximately 1037 (GCT), June 24. On that same day a submerged patrol was conducted along the Saipan-Empire route but nothing further was sighted. The freighter and destroyer sighted may be considered a possible contact since the time and position coincide with the Ultra instructions, despite the fact that it was a destroyer being towed and not a freighter. Since the visibility was poor, it is possible that the vessels were not sufficiently clear to the 273 Tunny.

272 - VI, Case 46, C-2.

273 - VI, Case 46, C-4.

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June 17, 1943

Case 47

Radio Intelligence intercepted a Japanese dispatch concerning the movement of a convoy composed of two freighters and one destroyer. ²⁷⁴ The noon positions (I time) of the vessels were listed from June 22 through June 25, and this information was sent to the U.S.S. Pompano and the U.S.S. Jack in ComSubPac dispatch 170825. ²⁷⁵

On June 20 at 1827 (GCT) in position 30-33N, 140E the Pompano made a radar contact which later was identified as two freighters and an escort vessel. The submarine was unable to attain an attack position, and the contact was lost due to rain and low visibility. This was a positive contact with the convoy reported in Ultra. The Pompano continued its search through June 26, but nothing further was sighted. ²⁷⁶

On the morning of June 22, the U.S.S. Jack was patrolling near Nojima Saki, and at position 34-53N, 139-52E a vessel resembling the Milan Maru was sighted. On the following three

274 - VI, Case 47, A-1.
275 - VI, Case 47, B-1.
276 - VI, Case 47, C-2.

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days, the submarine patrolled in the vicinity of 34-57-30N, 140E in position to intercept any traffic rounding Nojima Saki; however, despite the search for the Ultra target, nothing was sighted.
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June 18, 1943

Case 48

According to an intercepted Japanese Intelligence dispatch, schedules of convoys leaving Palau were being altered due to American submarine activity in that area.
278 In a ComSubPac message of June 18, the U.S.S. Eoe and the U.S.S. Gurnard learned that convoys were leaving Palau for the Empire on June 19, 24, and 30 and on July 6, 13, 20, 24. The exact times of departure and arrival and the routes were unknown.
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On June 21, the Eoe, while patrolling the Palau-Empire traffic lane, sighted smoke from a convoy, and on the following day it was identified as composed of a passenger freighter and three

277 - VI, Case 47, C-5.
278 - VI, Case 48, A-1.
279 - VI, Case 48, B-1.

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escorts. At 1327 (GCT) in position 8-58N, 133-13E four torpedoes were fired with three hits on a vessel similar to the Africa Maru. This was a positive contact with one of the convoys reported in the ComSubPac dispatch. Nothing further was sighted through June 30.

Although the Gurnard was in the area, no convoys were sighted until June 29, at which time a convoy consisting of six merchantmen with two destroyers and a tanker was contacted at 0132 (GCT) in position 7-45N, 134-22E. An attack was conducted two hours later and six torpedoes were fired, four of which were direct hits. There was no doubt in the commanding officer's mind that the ship similar to the Takatiho Maru sank within a very few minutes. This is also a positive contact with the Ultra target.

June 18, 1943

Case 49

The Flying Fish was instructed to

280 - VI, Case 48, C-2.
281 - VI, Case 48, C-5.

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intercept a convoy, which was scheduled to be at position 20-20N, 113-20E at 0300 (GCT) on June 20 at position 22-50N, 119-40E at the same time on the following day and at position 22-26N, 120-18E six hours later. It was possible that the convoy included the Yasukuni Maru.²⁸²

The ComSubPac dispatch was received,²⁸³ and on June 20, the Flying Fish entered the area near Formosa. A submerged patrol was conducted along the east coast of Formosa, but there were no contacts until 1852 (GCT) on June 23, when a convoy of two freighters and two destroyers was sighted at position 22-13N, 120-22E.²⁸⁴ This is not a contact with the Ultra target, since the convoy sighted was at the given position three days later than the convoy reported in the ComSubPac dispatch.

June 22, 1943

Case 50

The Japanese were employing auxiliary

282 - VI, Case 49, B-1.

283 - VI, Case 49, C-1.

284 - VI, Case 49, C-2.

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sailing vessels between island bases for transportation of gasoline and other supplies. A large group of these vessels had departed Yokosuka for Saipan June 10 and other groups were en route between Palau and Rabaul.²⁸⁵ Such vessels were to be considered legitimate gun targets wherever encountered, and all submarines copying the NFM Fox schedule were ordered to intercept them whenever possible.²⁸⁶

On June 16 at position 6-31N, 138-05E, the U.S.S. Hoe sighted a sampan. This could be a positive contact with one of the vessels sailing from Palau to Rabaul but it was made several days before the Ultra dispatch. The sampan was not attacked and no other contacts with auxiliary sailing boats were reported by any of the submarines.²⁸⁷

June 25, 1943

Case 51

According to Japanese Intelligence dispatches of June 24 and June 25, drastic anti-submarine measures were being taken in the vicinity.

285 - VI, Case 50, A-1, A-2.

286 - VI, Case 50, B-1.

287 - VI, Case 50, C-2, C-3.

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of Truk. In ComSubPac Ultra 251855, this information was sent to all submarines concerned and in particular to the U.S.S. Halibut and the U.S.S. Spearfish who were warned to be on the alert. 289
Neither of the submarines, however, reported any unusual depth-charging at this time. 290

June 28, 1943

Case 52

On June 28, the U.S.S. Spearfish, the U.S.S. Tunny and the U.S.S. Searaven learned that on the previous day at 1900 (CCT) two auxiliary aircraft carriers had left the North Channel of Truk on departure course 304. Their exact routing was unknown; however, it was thought by ComSubPac that 291
their destination was the Empire.

Although the Spearfish was in the vicinity of Truk, the carriers were not sighted. Contact was made with a convoy of four freighters and an escort and an unsuccessful attack was conducted. 292
There was no contact with the Ultra target.

288 - VI, Case 51, A-1 through A-10.
289 - VI, Case 51, B-1.
290 - VI, Case 51, C.
291 - VI, Case 52, B-1.
292 - VI, Case 52, C-2.

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On June 28 at 0230 (GCT) the Tunny sighted, attacked and sank an AX similar to the Sirogane Maru, in position 14-07N, 145-03E. This may not be considered a contact with the Ultra Target. Nothing further was sighted by the
293 submarine.

Since Radio reception for the Sea-
294 raven was uncertain it is possible that ComSubPac dispatch 280715 was not received. The submarine was patrolling in the vicinity of the Mariana Islands, but there was no contact with the car-
295 riers reported in Ultra.

June 28, 1943

Case 53

From ComSubPac dispatch 281846, the U.S.S. Halibut learned that an unidentified vessel would arrive at the South Channel of Truk at 0700
296 (GCT) on June 29 on course 279.

On June 28 and 29, the Halibut patrolled in the vicinity of Truk. No activity was

293 - VI, Case 52, C-5.
294 - VI, Case 52, C-7.
295 - VI, Case 52, C-8.
296 - VI, Case 53, B-1.

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noted, and there were no contacts reported with
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the Ultra target.

297 - VI, Case 53, C-2.

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APPENDIX VI

Intelligence, Operational Dispatches, Submarine
Action Reports and Verifications - June, 1943

Case 1

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: NARI 4
TO: RIOA (Garble) 31/1543 May
INFO: MOHIKE JN 20 I
YANOYO

Movement schedule of Nan blank. Arrive and
depart in 2 columns after the port.

<u>PORT</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
Saipan		1 June 1200
Tenian	1 June 1500	1 June 1700
Rota	2 June 0000	2 June 0700
Guam	2 June 1500	3 June 1000
Rota	4 June 0500	4 June 1700
Saipan	5 June 0500	

(T2W*-010315-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM: NARI 4
TO: NIHIKE (#3 Hino Maru) 31/1543 May
RIKAA (#3 Hino Maru) JN 20 I
INFO: YANOYO

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"Nanshin Maru operation schedule:

Depart Saipan 1200, 1st.
Arrive Tenian 1500.
Depart Tenian 1700.
Arrive Rota 0500, 2nd.
Depart Rota 0700.
Arrive Omiyajima (Guam) 1500.
Depart Omiyajima 1700, 3rd.
Arrive Rota 0500, 4th.
Depart Rota 1700.
Arrive Saipan 0500, 5th."

• (NPM*-312356-MAY-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Nanshin Maru, 4,806 Tons.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: WHALE
INFO: CINCPAC

01/1026 June

PREC: OP OP

ALL TIMES ARE GCT IN THIS ULTRA TO WHALE SERIAL
95 FROM COMSUBPAC X 1 POPLAR 4800 TONS DEPARTS
TENIAN 0800 1ST ARRIVES ROTA 2000 SAME DATE X
DEPARTS ROTA 2 HOURS LATER AND ARRIVES GUAM 0600
JUNE 2ND DEPARTS GUAM 0800 JUNE 3RD AND ARRIVES
ROTA 12 HOURS LATER X AFTER REMAINING 12 HOURS
AT ROTA RETURNS TO SAIPAN.

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Whale

Fourth War Patrol

* Radio Station, Honolulu, T. H.

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Radio Reception: During this patrol radio reception was good. Serial 45 was not received but was obtained from U.S.S. Sperry.

No. C-2

May 31

0452 (K) Submerged 20 miles southwest of Tanian Island.
1146 (K) Sighted two trawler type armed patrol vessels off Tanian Harbor and one ship at anchor very close-in to beach.
1311 (K) Sighted new patrol vessel similar in appearance to our corvette but smaller (about 700 tons). He cut close across our bow but evidently did not detect us.
1318 (K) Sighted fourth patrol vessel. It was a two masted schooner, carried depth charges and a small gun forward. Sighted small freighter
..... Did not consider it a worthwhile target in view of the position angle presented. Stood out to the northwest along Saipan-Empire route.
1944 (K) Surfaced and stood up towards Anatahan Island.
2352 (K) Decided to move out on Saipan-Empire route about 150 miles from Saipan, and spend two days on the surface

June 1

..... Patrolled on surface on Empire-Saipan routes 165 miles northwest of Saipan.

June 2

0700 (K) Set course for Guam, underway on the surface.

June 3

0510 (K) Submerged 18 miles northwest of Guam. Closed Port Apra and spent day making observations of the harbor. Same two ships still at anchor in same positions. Believe they must

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both be damaged, otherwise cannot understand why they would spend so much time in this place. Nothing else sighted except the usual sampan patrol.

1944 (K) Surfaced 12 miles off harbor and set course to pass between Rota and Guam for surface patrol of Empire-Truk route.

June 4

Underway on surface standing to the eastward.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	10
Date	May 31
Time	1146 (K).
Position	14-56 N 145-30 E
Description	Two trawler type armed patrol vessels off Tenian Harbor and one ship anchored close to beach.

No.	11
Date	May 31
Time	1311 (K)
Position	14-57.8 N 145-31.7 E
Description	700 ton patrol vessel similar in appearance to our corvette.

No.	12
Date	May 31
Time	1318 (K)
Position	14-57 N 145-31 E
Description	Two masted schooner, armed with small gun fwd and depth charge racks.

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No.	13
Date	May 31
Time	1318 (K)
Position	Same
Description	Small freighter 2000-3000 tons, anchored close to beach. (Tenian Harbor)

Case 2

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	NI 7	01/1047 June	✓
TO:	ASO 0	(Base Force #6) JN 20 I	
	KUHATO	(Eniwetok)	
	MANIRA	(Yokosuka Munitions Section)	
INFO:	IYA 0	(4th Fleet)	
	RAMU 4		

The Taiyo Maru will leave P blank (looks pretty
definitely like Truk) for Brown Island at 0600
June 1st Noon posits:

1st, 7-54 North, 152-23 East.
2nd, 9-08 North, 156-00 East.
3rd, 10-23 North, 159-40 East.

(NSS*-011011-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM:	NI 7	01/1047 June	✓
TO:	ASO 0	(Base Force #6) JN 20 I	
	KUHATO	(Guard Division #65 at Wake)	
	MANIRA	(Chief of Yokosuka Munitions Section)	
INFO:	RAMU 4		
	IYA 0		

* Radio Station, Washington, D.C.

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TI blank YO blank (Maru) left Truk for Brown
at 0600/01 June, scheduled to arrive 4th at
0610.

Noon positions:

1st 7-54 N, 152-20 E.
2nd 9-08 N, 156-00 E.
3rd 10-23 or 4 N, 159-40 E.

(T2W-011305-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: NSS 011011 and NPM 011120 give
152-23 E. for June 1st, and 10-23 N.
for June 3rd. Otherwise, the
rendering of translations is the
same.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 01/1802 June
TO: TUNNY
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: OP OP

THIS GOES IN A HURRY ULTRA TO TUNNY X 1 POPLAR*
WITH 1 SMALL LEMON# ARRIVES ENIWETOK 2100 3 JUNE
X POSITION AT 0300 JUNE 2 PXXP 0800 (09-08 NORTH
156-00 EAST) ALGAROBA (SAME TIME FOLLOWING DAY)
YKMW (10-23 NORTH 159-40 EAST) COMSUBPAC SENDING
SERIAL 97 USING GCT X

* MERCHANTMAN TYPE UNKNOWN
ESCORT VESSEL

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U.S.S. Tunny

Third War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 4115
kcs. and generally good on 12345
except between 2300-2400 zebra
when some fading was noticed.....
(None missed.)

No. C-2

(Action Report for June 1 through June 3 not
available. Ed. Note.)

Case 3

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	KITA	4	31/1618 May
TO:	TIUKI		JN 25 E
	YOTA	0	38795
	HENO	3	
	RARI	4	
INFO:	URI	0 (2nd Fleet)	
	TOTA	7 (2nd Southern Exp. Fleet)	
	TUEKE	(1st Sect. Nav. Gen. Staff)	
	MONO	1 (4th Fleet)	
	IN	5	

(XO7725-Genyoo Maru) will depart PT (Truk) 31st
at 1500 for BT (Tarakan) and expects to arrive
7th at 0800. Noon posits, 1st through 7th (all
South and East).

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10-00 148-45
11-24 142-10
12-06 136-28
09-36 131-28
06-18 126-48
14-14 121-40

Anchor? off BT (Tarakan).

NEGAT COMMENT: Believe encoder intended North
instead of South, but even so
route is very circuitous

(NSS-010541-MAY-OP-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 01/1822
TO: FINBACK
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC OP OP

THIS PEAUTY IS RESERVED FOP FINBACK X ULTRA
SERIAL 98 FROM COMSUBPAC X 262 POPCORN AT
0300 GCT 2ND MMUK 2410 (11-24 NORTH 142-10
EAST) ALGAPOBA (SAME TIME FOLLOWING DAY) CRMF
0628 (12-06 NORTH 136-28 EAST) PXTU 3628
(09-36 NORTH 131-28 EAST) JGQX 1848 (06-18 NORTH
126-48 EAST) X AS THE BOYS DOWN 'NDER MAY BE
WAITING FOR HIM FAPTHEE DOWN LET US KNOW IF
YOU GET HIM X.

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Finback

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet serial 72 (May) and 23 (June) were missed. These were not requested as they did not concern us. The readability and signal strength of transmissions on all frequencies from NFM while in this area were considerably lessened during the two or three hours preceeding dawn.

No. C-2

June 1

1021 (I) Sighted smoke bearing 087° (T).
1034 (I) Dived when it was thought that tops of
(Contact the ship were visible and we knew his
6-7) base course. Found we had an AX similar to the TATUKAMI MARU, 7,065 tons, page 71 OHI-298-J and an escort similar to our PC-boats. Although our first attack had proved to be an east "A-1 practice", this time the Japs were putting their minds to avoiding us. Diagnosed the zig plan as a constant helm. Actually, as we later discovered, the target was doing a constant helm superimposed on a regular zig plan which kept him off of this base course most of the time. The total of our efforts to reach a firing position a spot 2,500 yards from his track with a good sized gyro angle. Decided not to fire with such a poor shot we could easily get him tonight (no moon) when he stopped zigging. At

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1346 (I) Surfaced and commenced trailing. At
1857 (I) Went ahead four engine speed to close
target to radar range. At
2010 (I) Contacted target on radar at 15,300 yards.
Tracking showed that target had fooled us
and was still zig-zagging. At
2055 (I) Commenced rounding target for position
ahead. Although there was no moon, the
sky was bright with stars and there were
very few clouds around the horizon. Light
conditions were poor for a surface attack
and poorer for a submerged attack. At

June 2

0010 (I) put ship in position believed to be 4000
yards off targets track, flooded down
forward and after groups and started in
for surface attack which would have been
successful on a target steering a straight
course.
0032 (I) We were 10° on starboard bow of target at
range of 5,000 yards and since we had seen
escort for about 2,000 yards, dived to avoid
detection. Continued approach radar at
forty feet. Could make out target shape
with periscope, but not escort at this
depth. At 3,000 yards range went to 60
feet and were unable to see target through
periscope. Decided not to fire on sound
as no angle on the bow could be obtained.
At
0110 (I) Surfaced and ran ahead to get in attack
position at dawn. At
0400 (I) Picked up land about entrance to Malakal
Harbor, at seventeen miles. Gradually let
target close. At
0443 (I) Picked up shape which looked like a patrol
boat ahead while our target was astern of
us, so dived and started approach. At

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0512 (I) fired three torpedo spread..... The first (Attack #2) torpedo hit amidships with a terrific explosion, but the second and third torpedoes missed..... The target's screws were not heard after the torpedo explosion. It is believed that the target was drawing less than was estimated and the one hit was an influence explosion. The other two torpedoes probably ran too deep..... Although the target was not seen to sink and cannot be credited as such, it is believed that there is a strong possibility a torpedo hit amidships and sank him.

June 3

Conducting submerged patrol on Empire-Palau trade lane.

June 4-5

Conducting surface patrol across trade lanes from Empire.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	6	7
Date	6-1-43	6-1-43
Position	07-24 N 138-07 E	07-24 N 138-07 E
Type	Escort Vessel - Similar to our PC-451	Freighter- Similar to Tatukani Maru
Range Sighted	12,000	20,000
Range Closest	2,500	2,500
Course	267°	267°
Speed	12	12
Remarks		Attacked - 1 torpex hit.

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Case 4

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: NOTIKA (Cofs Yokosuka- 01/1002 June
Naval District) JN 25-E 19
TO: RAMU 8 (Escort Force 89934
#2)
INFO: KURE 6 (4th Fleet)
ASO 0 (Base Force #6)
REYA 9 (Base Force #4)
SORE 4 (Chichijima Special Base Force)
OMU 1 (Escort Force #2)

#3601 "A" Convoy /Kunikawa Maru (X31245)/ escorted
by (X29130 unident DD) departed NAA (Yokosuka)
for PT (Truk). Noon positions from the 1st through
7th as follows:

1st - 34-55 N, 139-45 E.
2nd - 31-30 N, 144-10 E.
3rd - 26-40 N, 146-35 E.
4th - 21-50 N, 148-40 E.
5th - 17-14 N, 151-10 E.
6th - 12-05 N, 152-20 E.
7th - 7-45 N, 152-15 E.

(NSS-012033 JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 02/0659
TO: ALL SUBS .COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

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Case 4, No. B-1 (Cont.)

1 MAPLE WHICH IS PROBABLY 062 PEANUT PLUS 1
IRONWOOD AT 0300 GCT JUNE 4TH POSITION MK DJ
50 40 (21-50 NORTH 143-40 EAST) ALGAROBIA QK QW
14 10 (17-14 NORTH 151-10 EAST) CR DE 05 20
(12-05 NORTH 152-20 EAST) NP DE 45 15 (07-45
NORTH 152-15 EAST) X ULTRA SERIAL 1 X WHALE IF
NOT OTHERWISE ENGAGED ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION IN
VICINITY POSITION GIVEN FOR 5TH AND SUNFISH
ANYWHERE SOUTH OF 13 NORTH X SUNFISH ROUTE BETWEEN
POSITIONS FOR 6TH AND 7TH MAY NOT BE DIRECT X
BOTH SUBS NOTE HCE DEPARTED JOHNSTON ISLAND
0500 GCT 30TH ON GREAT CIRCLE ROUTE TO FAIS
ISLAND AND ALSO THAT ABOUT 9 OR 10 JUNE SARGO
WILL PASS THROUGH 11 DEGREES NORTH 150 DEGREES
EAST HEADING SOUTHWESTWARD.

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Whale

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: During this patrol radio re-
ception was good.

No. C-2

June 5

1230 (K) Patrolling on surface on Empire-Truk
route - No. 2 periscope up - sighted
masts and king posts of large ship
bearing 332°T, distance about 17 miles.
Commenced an end-around run on four
engines.

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Case 4, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 1232 (K) While getting up speed and swinging right, officer-of-the-deck and lookout sighted and positively identified a periscope about four thousand yards on the port beam - glassy sea - "stick" and feather distinguished. Periscope disappeared. Continued swing putting periscope astern - no torpedo wakes sighted. If we had not sighted the large ship on the horizon we would have walked into a perfect setup. We were then about 350 miles west of Saipan, 420 miles from Truk exactly on the trade route.
- 1310 (K) Having gained position ahead of target on what we believed to be the reverse of his base course (168°) submerged for approach. It was soon apparent that our estimate of target's base course was greatly in error, or he had changed base course to the right; the latter was the most probable, since a careful plot had been made prior to diving.
- 1457 (K) Abandoned approach having run at two thirds speed since 1310 (K), and been unable to close track to within 7,000 yards. Positively identified target as the H.I.J.M.S. KAMIKAWA class seaplane tender, 15,650 tons displacement. Sighted mast of escort vessel trailing astern but was never able to get a look at it.
- 1523 (K) With target about 15 miles to southwest, surfaced and began end-around run.
- 1604 (K) Regained sight contact - base course plotted at about 188° T, speed 15 knots.
- 1825 (K) Sunset - commenced closing target radically to westward.
- 1940 (K) Made radar contact at 13,750 yards bearing 255° T.

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Case A, No. C-2 (Cont)

- 2145 (K) Completed comprehensive plot of target's zigzag plan. Base course at sunset had changed to 133° T, speed 15 knots, position of escort still uncertain but very close to target. Frequent rain squalls - black night.
- 2150 (K) Submerged to 42 feet and headed toward target.
- 2205 (K) Changed course right for a 90° port track - stern shots.
- 2206 (K) As visibility increased slightly and target range was 4000 yards, went to 60 feet and tracked target by sound. Sound bearings were erratic. Target and escort were apparently very close together and the soundmen, though very experienced, seemed to be shifting from one to the other. Unable, definitely, to pick up target in either periscope - horizon pitch black again. When track angles became broad escort was determined to be on the close bow of the target. Finally, "sound" settled on the target's screws but they commenced to bland in with our own thereby making an exact analysis difficult. Using a track angle of 135° P, gyro angle 30° left, at
- 22-10-35(K) Fired 1st torpedo spread 2° left.
- 22-10-45(K) Fired 2nd torpedo spread 2° right.
- 22-10-56(K) Fired 3rd torpedo spread 6° left.
- 22-11-04(K) Fired 4th torpedo spread 6° right.
- 22-12-35(K) Torpedo explosion - sighted large orange flash on target's bearing through periscope. First hit.
- 22-12-44(K) Explosion - sighted second flash, 2nd torpedo hit.
- 22-12-59(K) Explosion - sighted flash, 4th torpedo hit. 3rd torpedo must have passed way ahead..... Target's screws stopped instantly and were never heard again.

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Case 4, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 2216 (K) Heard tremendous rumbling explosions from target probably were gasoline and bombs followed by what sounded like two depth charges a good distance away. Still unable to see anything.
- 2217 (K) Escort was running wild. Headed towards us so we went deep.
- 2237 (K) Small explosions - "sound" reported rumbling noises from direction of target.
- 2241 (K) Depth charge closer than last..... Escort never made contact at any time or came closer than about 1000 yards.
- 2246 (K) Nothing more was heard from target. Feel convinced that he could not have withstood 3 torpez hits. Believe he sank about 28 minutes after first hit. Escort's screws faded out.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	14
Date	6/5
Time	1230 (K)
Position	16-20N 151-28E
Type	Maats & king posts of large ship bearing 332° T H.I.J.M.S. KAMIKAWA. Be- lieved sunk.
Initial Range	34,000
Min. Range	24,000
Estimated Course	188° T & at sunset 133° T.

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Case 4 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Sunfish

Third War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio communications were satisfactory and all serials were received.

No. C-5

June 2

Patrolled HADDOCK's "thrill a minute" area and between HALL and NAMONUITO ISLANDS, previous patrol having shown greatest number of contacts in this area. Will close NORTH PASS June 4th if no contacts are made here.

2119

Received Comsubpac's serial one and information advising patrol at a distance from TRUK for a few days. Chose designated point Lat. 12° 05' N., Long. 152° 20' E., for patrol June 6th.

June 3

0055 (K)

Lookout sighted long, dark object, 3000 yards astern, crossing at high speed. Nothing seen by Officer-of-the-Deck or contacted on sound or radar.

June 4-5

Patrolled MARIANAS-TRUK routes.

June 6

Patrolled in vicinity Lat. 12° 05' N., Long. 152° 20' E., nothing sighted. Conducted retiring search toward TRUK.

June 7

2114 (K)

Patrolled north of MURILLO ISLAND. Received ComSubPac serial 16.

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Case 5

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: HASO 7
TO: RAHA 3 (Base Force 5, 26/1645 May
Saipan) JN 25E 19
NITO 9 (Chichijima) 45438
MOTOKA
INFO: SAYAMI (Cofs Ominato Guard District)
NAMU 9 (combined)
RORE 5 (Tokyo Address associated with
air)
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
TIHA 9
NAHA 7
TEHA 6
TAKANA
MIKATI (Garbled)

Convoy 4526 composed of X63102, Nagaura (X60459), X07557 with blank blank escort departed from PT (Truk) for NAA (Yokosuka) and is scheduled to arrive at 0500 on the 5th.

1. Noon positions from the 27th to the 4th as follows:

27th - 8-25 N, blank E.
28th - 11 blank N, 148-00 E.
29th - 14-12 N, 145-40 E.
30th - 16-45 N, 143-04 E.
31st - 19-27 N, 140-31 E.
1st - 22 blank N, 138-42 E.
2nd - 26-00 N, 137-38 E.
3rd - 29-33 N, 137-20 E.
4th - 33-03 N, 137-58 E.

2. Course from 30 degrees North, 137 blank East to blank (latitude North), 138-07 East, 010 true (many blanks here).

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Case 5, No. A-1 (Cont.)

3. Inform blank shipping headquarters.

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GI COMMENT: This message has been worked over and positions improved by HYPO as above. Attention is called to the fact that a convoy consisting of Hoto Maru, Hokkai Maru and Tokiwa were scheduled to depart Truk at 1700/May 26th escorted by Oki and #8 Patrol Boat. Check with PLOT gives indication that this could be the same convoy mentioned in text of the above message.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 02/1028
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC

PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA SERIAL 3 TO SALMON X 3 MAPLES 1 LEMON AT
0300 GCT 3 JUNE DWUE 3320 (29-33 N 137-20 E)
ALGAROA LYUE 0358 (33-03 N 137-58 E) X THERE
IS EVIDENTLY A CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN POSITIONS
GIVEN FOR AFTER REACHING 30 NORTH THE COURSE
WILL BE 010 TRUE UNTIL REACHING 138-07 EAST
WHEN THEY CHANGE COURSE AGAIN AND HEAD FOR
YOKOSUKA ARRIVING THERE AT 2000 GCT JUNE 4TH X
TRIGGER NOTE AND DO THE NECESSARY HONORS FOR ANY
THAT GET BY THE SALMON

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Salmon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was not complete.
The following serials were missed:
32, 33 and 83.

No. C-2

June 3

1000 (K) Running on surface at high speed. At
Contact #9. Sighted masts. On closing
found to be a large sampan; avoided con-
tact.

1230 (K) arrived in position; submerged to
minimize chances of detection by air.

1500 (K) surfaced. Commenced patrolling across
estimated track.

1545 (K) Contact #10. Sighted smoke. Attack #1.
Damaged 2 AK. Closed track at high
speed on surface.

1600 (K) Submerged and commenced approach on
convoy consisting of three large AK
escorted by two boats similar to our PC
451 and one OCA.

1750 (K) Fired four bow tubes at near freighter;
swung ship to bring stern tubes to bear
on next in line.

1752 (X) Heard three of the bow torpedoes explode.

1755 (K) Fired three stern tubes at next in line.
This ship was observed to be down on the bow.

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Case 5, No. C-2 (Cont.)

Apparently the first torpedo from the bow tubes had missed ahead and hit the overlapping freighter. Heard two of the stern tube torpedoes explode at proper intervals. Boat got heavy and periscope ducked under so was unable to observe hits. Patrol boat heading our way so ordered deep submergence at 1759.

1800 (K) First depth charge followed by seven more but none are very close, all quite loud; last depth charge at 1835. One escort vessel remained on constant bearing in the direction of the attack conducting a supersonic search until 1930.

1945 (K) Periscope depth, nothing in sight. Proceeding to scene of attack and preparing to surface when at 2030 contact #11 sighted one of the escort vessels on parallel course at high speed.

2200 (K) Surfaced and proceeded at high speed on convoy's probably course to intercept.

June 4

0045 (K) Contact #12. Sighted escort vessel about 1000 yards distant, angle on bow zero, high speed. Made the quickest dive on record from four engines at 18 knots to avoid collision. Escort passed over apparently without seeing us as screws faded out astern, heading in the direction of the scene of our attack.

0100 (K) Surfaced and continued chase.

0210 (K) Contact #13. Radar made contact at 14,000 yards bearing 067°T. Commenced tracking and determined course to be between 310° and 340°T, speed eight knots. This was unexpected as we had made contact by chasing on course 007°T. It indicated a radical course change and was rather confusing as it headed him for Shiono Misaki.

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Case 5. No. C-2 (Cont.)

Decided target has changed plans since the attack so continued on course to intercept. Because of short time of darkness decided on submerged attack at dawn.

0445 (K) Submerged, target estimated one hour run astern of us.

0550 (K) Contact #14. Sighted tops of target bearing 100°T, distant 14,000 yards. Distance to the track was large so closed at six knots. It looked like we had him in the bag until after running one hour at six knots the range began to open. The convoy made a radical change of course back to the original 010°T, and rapidly passed out of sight. We all felt keenly disappointed.

0700 (K) Set course to return to assigned area.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	10	11
Date	6/3	6/3
Time	1540	2032
Type	Convoy	Escort Vessel
Position	30-03N 137-38E	30-08 N 137-34 E
Course	010	140
Speed	9	12
Description	1 OCA, 3 large AK, 2 torpedo boats, Attack #1	Escort, torpedo boat

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Case 5, No. C-3 (Cont.)

No.	12	13
Date	6/4	6/4
Time	0044	0145
Type	Escort	Convoy
	Vessel	
Position	30-54N	31-04N
	137-28E	137-35E
Course	190	340
Speed	12	9
Description	Escort,	Same as 10
	torpedo boat	

No.	14
Date	6/4
Time	1740
Type	Convoy
Position	31-38N
	137-22E
Course	010
Speed	9
Description	Same as 10

U.S.S. Trigger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: During patrol while in area,
radio reception was very good.

No. C-5

June 3

1450 (K) Sighted 4-engines flying boat.

(No entry for June 4, 5. Ed. Note.)

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Case 6

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	ERE	1	01/1922 June
TO:	SORE	1	02620
	TIMAO	(Garbled)	
INFO:	TINI	0 (Cofs Kure)	
	HERE	6 (Imperial Headquarters Naval Section)	
	TENANA	(Maru)	
	YANI	4 (South China Area)	
	HENI	1 (Unit in Sasebo Defense Force)	
	TERI	1 (China Seas Fleet)	
	TIYA	5 (China Fleet #2)	
	MISORA	(Collective for Shanghai Base Defense Force)	
	NITO	3	
	MEMU	6	
	MAHA	0	
	TUYAHA	(Garbled)	

Blank convoy of 12 vessels escorted by blank will depart at 100 on the 2nd and arrive at 0730 on the 7th. Speed 8.5 knots.

X41481 unident maru (JMAB) (#6 Navigation Group aboard) and Kayo Maru (JSOA), both bound for Osaka. Uchide Maru (JCIM), (X12606 unident maru) at blank blank B, Toyama Maru (JTXD), and Nagano Maru (JCID), bound for (X41232-Kobe?). Heian Maru (JJPK), bound for Dairen. Yamahagi Maru (JYVL), bound for (X54900). (X34818 unident maru) (JGZA) carrying 900 prisoners and bound for Moji. Biyo Maru (JPDD) bound for (X09771). Reiyo Maru (JOOD) and Shojin Maru (X56880) (JEKD) bound for (X46935). Noon positions: (all North and East)

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2nd - (X65505 PN near Swatow).
3rd - 25-57, 120-51.
4th - 28-23, 123-17.
5th - 30-44, 125-40.
6th - 33-02, 128-06.

(NSS-022146-JUNE-OP-COLB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: SEAWOLF
TINOSA
INFO: CINCPAC

03/0316

PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA IS THIS SERIAL 6 FROM COMSUBPAC TO SEAWOLF AND TINOSA X 12 POPLARS (MERCHANT-MEN TYPE UNKNOWN) WITH 1 OR MORE LEMONS (ESCORT VESSELS) AT 3 HOURS GCT JUNE 3RD POSITIONS PNRE 5751 (25-57 NORTH 120-51 EAST) ALGOROBA (WILL MEAN POSITIONS AT SAME TIME ON FOLLOWING DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS) YBYM 2317 (28-23 NORTH 123-17 EAST) JMPK 4440 (30-44 NORTH 125-40EAST) LING 0206 (33-02 NORTH 128-06 EAST) X AREAS 11 A 9 AND 12 ARE ALL VACANT NOW X UNLESS OTHERWISE BUSY IN OWN AREAS SEAWOLF AND TINOSA WORK ON THIS CONVOY DISREGARDING ANY AREA LIMITS X WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR MINE FIELD OFF WENCHOW BAY AND IN APPROACHES SHANGHAI X BOTH BE BACK IN ASSIGNED AREAS BY DAWN 10 JUNE X

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Case 6 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Seawolf

Ninth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception and transmission was wholly satisfactory.

No. C-2

June 4

- 0438 (H) Dove, submerged patrol in a direction with enemy course 042. Visibility fair, overcast.
- 1505 (H) . Avoided line of sampans in pairs about 10 miles apart. We are over sixty miles from China coast.

June 5

- 0419 (H) Contact #2. Sighted heavy smoke 14 miles on port bow in early dawn. Developed into 11 ship convoy. Put all engines at full power, made 19 knots pulling around their starboard flank, keeping about 20,000 yards off. Weather bad for surface running with almost sure air coverage; zero wind, zero sea, solid overcast occasional light rain, unlimited visibility, 5000 foot ceiling. Lost radar contact after opening to just maintain sight contact.
- 0924 (H) Three distant explosions. Convoy still in sight 10 miles on port bow now, our course paralleling them. Either TINOSA getting in or escorts are on false contact.

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- 0938 (H) Eleven distant explosions.
- 1235 (H) Three distant explosions. Convoy smoke barely visible on port bow now.
- 1300 (H) Surfaced to maintain contact, at 3 engine speed.
- 1312 (H) Sighted destroyer on port beam, 6 miles. It was no doubt he who had dropped the charges today on a contact he had dropped aft to investigate. Turned stern to him.
- 1314 (H) Destroyer sighted us, stopped circling, angle on bow zero. Increased to full power on 3 engines charging on the fourth. Made gradual turns of 10° to the left until we were back on base course with destroyer still dead astern, not closing very much. Almost lost him in a rain curtain, his angle on the bow becoming perceptibly port as we eased around left. Had to pass one sampan 3000 yards to starboard in maintaining evading course.
- 1456 (H) With destroyer at 10,000 yds. closing, forced to submerge, having picked up a good bit of ground on the convoy.
- 1848 (H) Surfaced. Destroyer about 6 miles astern circling. Believe he sighted us again as angle on bow changed to zero but he didn't have a chance this time. Opened at 4 engines and quickly lost him in the dark. Very dark night, intermittent rain, no wind, overcast, no moon. Set course to catch up with convoy at midnight at 3 engine speed. It's this night or never as tomorrow he'll be nearly in the straits of TSUSHIMA. Sent contact report to TINCOSA on 450 kc direct and on high frequency via RPH, in case he was waiting just a few miles too far off the line.

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2137 (H) Finally realized that we had let a big convoy, a stranger, go by on reverse course of one we were chasing. We therefore had about 20 ships within a range of about forty miles of us at the moment, and the question was which way to jump. Only 3 engines available - one cracked liner. Southbound convoy was plotted at 14 knots. A quick estimate showed we had lost valuable time, stopped and could not catch northbound convoy before dawn broke, while we could catch the southbound one about midnight, in spite of their high speed. Set course 210 started long stern chase on pip 16,000 yds. away. This was only pip on screen, others probably being ahead. Set up a splendid radar track of the enemy, now a long but big pip on course 210 speed 13.5 not zigging.

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0022 (H) Range 1350 on target, ceased spotting in escorts, opened outer doors. Just then sighted target loom on port bow, angle on bow 165 starboard. This checked with TDC exactly. Came left slowly to decrease gyro angle, ready to fire. Lost sight contact intermittently.

0024 (H) Target suddenly loomed up very large on starboard bow, showing large port angle on bow. We had both turned left apparently. He was drawing left across our bow. Avoided collision by all back full. He then turned away (right) and showed a 180° angle on bow and was immediately lost to sight. It developed his range when across our bow, was probably 1000 yards, but it seemed closer due to his size. Did not get a clear picture of him, except high, long flat top, stack in middle, and no masts seen. Masts could have been there,

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however, and anything but a well decker would have looked approximately flat. Thought we'd been seen, but no offensive action taken, therefore assumed we were not actually sighted. There were no signals on the radar detector. Used it every 15 minutes.

0025 (H) All ahead full, range 1600 opening, took up closing course. Rain still bad, not able to use binoculars. Closed outer doors.

0030 (H) Target apparently maneuvering radically now. Courses from 156 to 210. Range opened to 6000 yards again as we swung following him.

0115 (H) Target back on 210 now, 37,000 yards, closed slowly.

0123 (H) Sighted target smoke on port bow, large starboard angle, put in TBT bearing, range about 1900 yards.

0125 (H) Attack #1. Fired four torpedoes, bow tubes, small right gyros 150 starboard track, range 1700 yards, depth setting 16 feet. Could not fire white light as only base of smoke column visible through binoculars, and it took too long to wipe off glasses between marks. Generated data seemed to be very good, however. Put in check bearing after second torpedo left which checked well with generated bearing. First torpedo prematured at 15 seconds, very shallow Red-hot shrapnel from it fell all about us, landing in the water with sharp cracks which we at first thought to be machine gun fire. One officer thought some landed on deck. Fortunately this was a small mark 15 head. Fourth torpedo prematured at a safe depth at 15 seconds. One other explosion heard, which was either #2 at 2 minutes 31 seconds (3,800 yds) or #3 at 2 minutes 12 seconds (3,300 yds). Analysis shows probable hit on one of far escorts on port side of target, substantiated by radar reporting losing the pip on one of the far escorts at about 3000 yd

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0136 (H) Believe we sank one escort, type unknown. Size of pip showed it to be 1000 tons or larger. Remaining torpedo did not explode during or at end of the run. 40-50 fathoms of water. Retired at 3 engine speed on reverse of target course.

0410 (H) Slowed to 5 knots to pick up the picture again. Target opening range to southeast. One escort and target bunched together. Visibility not changed, rain continuing. Conditions indicated that a second attack would have more chance of success in daylight, so retired at his speed 14 knots along his course 210 for a daylight attack. Lost target at 13,000 yds. Should have maintained radar contact, but having once lost it, could only retire along his probable course due to his probably radical maneuvers.

0410 (H) Dived at dawn, submerged patrol along target estimated track. Avoided several sampans, nothing sighted all day. Surfaced at sunset. Valuable lesson learned regarding radar approaches on multiple targets, difficulty of staying on same pip; and close coordination between plot, radar, and bridge. The new PPI screen will be fine for this work.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	2
Date	6/5
Time	0419 (H)
Position	30-45N 125-36E
Type	Convoy 11 ship 3000 to 7000 tons, all MM split or composite structure, plus at least one WAKATAKE destroyer escort. Not seen closer than 10 miles

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Case 6, No. C-3 (Cont.)

Course	EE
Speed	8.5
Remarks	Indeterminate number of other escorts. Could not close for attack.
No.	3
Date	6/5
Time	2007 (H)
Position	31-32N 126-57E
Type	6 or 7 large radar pips
Course	210
Speed	14
Remarks	Main convoy lost. Attacked one ship trailing by about 5 miles, with 3 escorts. Probably sank one escort. Target not identified except as large coal-burning ship. No visual contact except 2 fleeting glimpses of target in rain before firing. Low visibility, dark night, raining. Attack No. 1.

U.S.S. Tinosa

First War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio was complete and all consecutive serials were received.

No. C-5

May 31

At latitude 32-21 N, Longitude 132-26 E.

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Case 6, No. C-5 (Cont.)

June 3

Upon surfacing checked gun as preliminary to attack next day on shore target when

June 4

Using SD radar for first time since arriving in area. At

1001 (I) Plane contact on radar, eight miles, closing. Dived.

1055 (I) Surfaced. At

1643 (I) Sighted plane, distance six miles, low. No radar indication but we were in middle of islands. Dived.

1745 (I) Surfaced. At

1821 (I) Sighted masts through #1 periscope. Identified as steen fishing sampan. Avoided.

At

1840 (I) Sighted tug with tow - dredge or target raft. A nice gun target but twelve miles distant and on other side of Takara Shima Island. No time to lose.

June 5

0559 (E) Sighted submarine bearing 257°, distant 15,000 yds., course 280° T.

0603 (E) Sighted smoke of convoy bearing 269°, T, range 3,000 yds. Submarine (SEAWOLF?) dived. Reversed course and began running to gain position ahead and clear submarine.

0646 (E) Submerged, began approach.

0916 (E) Conducted attack and made two hits in largest ship, similar to HUSDAI MARU, page 83 ONI 208 J. After attack gunfire when periscope was up and moderates depth charging.

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0921 (H) Went to 150 feet.
1052 (H) With distant pinging came to periscope depth. Visibility spotty.
Opening away from pinging.
1203 (H) Sighted destroyer, source of pinging, on convoy track, range 10,000 yds.
1235 (H) Two explosions.
1237 (H) Two explosions.
1304 (H) Two explosions.
1430 (H) Destroyer last sighted. Visibility still spotty with rain squalls.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No.	44
Date	6/5
Time	0603 (H)
Position	30-54.8 125-45.9
Type	Convoy
Description	12 merchant, 1 DD similar to 3,000 to 10,000 T MUTSUKI class ship attacked similar HUSIMI MARU - pgs 83 - ONI
Course	208 J
Speed	042 9.3
Remarks	4 columns of 3 ships each in line abreast. Interval 1 mile DD ahead.

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Case 7

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: MEYO 7 02/1230 June
TO: SAYAMI (CofS Ominato Guard District) JN 25 E 73915
INFO: TOENU (Kunijiri)
YAMUTI (Otaru Resident Naval Officer)
RUTU 1 (5th Fleet)
NNIO

(X32607 unident unit) and blank escorted by
(X10926 and 61575 unident ships) depart
Kataoka Bay at 0300 on 3rd for Otaru where
scheduled to arrive at 0800 on 6th. Speed
11.5 knots. Noon position on 4th: 48-20 N,
148-30 E. Of Shiretoko Peninsula in Sakhalin.

(NSS-022258 JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 03/0348
TO: RUNNER
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

SERIAL 7 C GOES ULTRA TO RUNNER X 2 MAPLES
(TYPE UNKNOWN) 2 LEMONS (ESCORT VESSEL) X
BLANK X 11.5 KNOTS X 1800 GCT X JUNE 2 X VQ
(50-44 NORTH) XP (156-11) EAST) X 33 HOURS

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Case 7, No. B-1 (Cont.)

LATER PC (48-20 NORTH) DJ (148-30 EAST) AND
22 HOURS AFTER THAT GX (45-58 NORTH) XH
(143-25 EAST) X

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U.S.S. Runner

(Apparently lost at sea after First War Patrol
in April, 1943. Ed. Note.)

Case 8

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	Unknown Originator	03/1634 June
TO:	ROMI 2 (TIKA 4)	JN 25 E/14958
	WAA 0 (NIHI 1)	
INFO:	OTOSU	(At Truk TPN Section 3-19)(B)
	ERO 5 (MORI 5)	
	HEA 9 (SUHI 0)	(Combined Fleet) (B)
	OTE 3 (FUYO 2)	(4th Fleet) (B)
	NIMI 2 (SOKA 4)	(11th Air Fleet)
	ATE 6 (KUYO 7)	(8th Fleet Flagship) (B)
	KUMI 6 (TEKA 7)	(Escort Force #2) (C)

"From: Advance Force Commander, DesOpOrd #211.
After Desdiv blank (X53982)/Blank DD (X13530)7
has completed escorting the Aikoku Maru (X21009),
which departs Truk for Rabaul the 4th, as far as

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15 miles past the reef, have her return escorting the Kyokuto Maru, due to arrive Truk the 6th, from a position 20 miles outside the reef.

(5-JUNE-43-DI)

GI COMMENT: More complete than NSS-040128.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUEPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING HPM
'F' SCHEDULE
SEADRAGON
INFO: CINCPAC

04/0910

PREG: OP OP

THIS IS ULTRA FOR SEADRAGON X 1 MAPLE AND AN IRONWOOD DUE TO ARRIVE HPM 0212 (7-00 NORTH 158-12 EAST) AT PLUS 0630 JUNE 5 GCT X THIS MAY BE PRODUCTIVE DIVERSION TRIP IF YOU CAN MAKE IT X SERIAL 9.

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Seadragon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: HPM Fox schedules were received with no difficulty.

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No. C-2

June 4

1300 (L) Left area _____, headed for area _____.

June 5

0830 (L) Dived with PONAPE bearing 170°, t, distance 20 miles, headed in to close island.

1935 (L) Surfaced.

2003 (L) Sighted lights of small fishing boat.

June 6

0402 (L) Sighted lights of several small fishing boats.

0521 (L) Dived. Commenced to close PONAPE Harbor entrance on course 150°.

0720 (L) Contact #4. Sighted masts of two destroyers in column broad on the beam. Commenced approach. Destroyers later identified as of ASASHIO class, zigzagging on course 095°, speed 17.

0759 (L) Destroyers headed in the PONAPE Harbor entrance beating us thru by 8000 yards. Destroyers passed around TAKATIK ISLAND out of sight. Patrolled all day off harbor entrance. Nothing in sight in harbor. A very large hanger and airfield was observed on the point of PONAPE, south of JOHAS ISLAND.

1940 (L) Surfaced. As we had no idea how long these destroyers were going to stay at PONAPE and as no other shipping was in the harbor, decided to head for area.

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No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	4
Date	6/6
Time	0720 (L)
Position	200N 158-15E
Type	2 DD's
Course	095°
Speed	17
Remarks	Destroyers identified as. of ASASHIO class.

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A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	SUHO	3	03/1713 June
TO:	SINA	9	(Vice Minister JN 25 E and Vice Chief 50357 of Naval Gen'l Staff)
	NEA	4	(Northern Force)
	UU	5	(Chief of Staff, Yokosuka)
	TENA	4	(Kure Nav. Dist.)
INFO:	TOTE	7	(2nd and 3rd Fleets)
	TONEMU		(Air Arsenal #2)
	MUKI	9	(Air Unit at Truk)
	RIHO	5	(Northern Force)
	MEYORO		(Bu. Aero)
	KERO	3	(Unident)
	NRO	7	(Unident)
	TOTE	8	(Unident)
	TUHO	5	(Unident)
	ROKI	4	(Unident)
	WAA	0	(Unident)
	RIKI	6	(Unident)
			5 garbled calls

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Case 9, No. A-1 (Cont.)

Unyoo and Chuuyoo in company with Desdiv 4 (X59778) /Hagikaze (X63468)7, (X14964 DD?) and (X38811 DD?) will carry out the following schedule:

1. Leave PT (Truk) about 0400 (31068 June 6?) and proceed on a course between 100 and 130 miles to the Westward of the island chain, passing through 31-30N., 142-10 E. at 0000 on the 9th and arrive off the entrance to the West Channel (?) at 1430 on the 9th. Expected time of arrival at Yokosuka 1600. Speed 18 to 20 knots.
2. Cargo of Unyoo and Chuuyoo as follows: Passengers 650 each for Unyoo (X62667) and Chuuyoo (X52053). Cargo, Unyoo 12 returned aircraft. 9 WLTYX and 140 blank for (X09123). Chuuyoo 10 returned aircraft.

NEGAT COMMENT: Date of departure from Truk estimated from speed and midnight position on 9th. In the phrase "to the westward of the island chain" the code group for "westward" ISEI (49023) is not confirmed but looks very good.

(NSS-050710-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: NSS 041723 (TI) has a call for Chuyo (RERO-9) as a possible new ident. Also lists as a possible ferry-carrier call SERO-5 which does not appear above although NSS says it is in this heading.

No. A-2

In NSS 050710 date of departure from Truk has been confirmed as June 5th.

(NSS-051301-JUNE-O-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Hypo also confirms this date.

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No. A-3

Traffic for RERO 9 (Chuyo) and SERO 5 (Unident) on 3 June was routed to Truk on 4 June.

Despatch in question was NARAE 031459, action NEA 5 (Combined Fleet) info MEA 9 (11th Air Fleet), RURO 3 (3rd Fleet), TONEMU (Air Arsenal #2) UU 5 (Yokosuka CofS) RERO 9 (Chuyo) SERO 5 (Unident), HOTE 2 (Unident).

The identification of Chuyo is not strong, but appears reasonable. The unident (SERO 5) may also be a ferry-carrier, as it appears in message 031713 from SUHO 3 which concerns Unyo. This latter message will be read when decrypted.

(NSS-041723-JUNE-P-COMB-CZTYH)

GI COMMENT: Message referred to above (031713 from SUHO 3) contains schedule of Unyo and Chuyo from Truk (June 6?) to Yokosuka (June 9). SERO 5 does not appear in Washington's list of calls.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 05/1203
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM SCHEDULE
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: OP PRIOR

SUNFISH AND TUNNY LOOK OUT FOR 2 ASH (CARRIER) WITH 4 OR 6 LEMONS (ESCORT VESSEL) DEPART TRUK AT 1900 GCT JUNE 5 X WHALE TAKE NOTICE THEY WILL PASS 100 TO 130 MILES TO WESTWARD OF MARIANAS X SPEED 18 TO 20 X MORE DOPE LATER X ULTRA SERIAL 11

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No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC.
TO: SUNFISH
TUNNY
WHALE

05/1753

PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA TO SUNFISH TUNNY AND WHALE X 2 ASH (CARRIER)
AND 3 IRONWOOD (DESTROYER) DEPARTED TRUK 1900 GCT
4TH INSTEAD OF 5TH X CORRECT MY 051203 X
REF: SUNFISH AND TUNNY LOOK OUT FOR 2
ASH (CARRIER) WITH 4 OR 6 LEMONS
(ESCORT VESSEL) DEPART TRUK AT
1900 GCT.....

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sunfish

Third War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio communications were satisfactory and all serials were received.

No. C-2

June 4-5

Patrolled MARIANAS-TRUK routes.

June 6

Patrolled in vicinity Lat. 12° 05' N.,
Long. 152° 20' E., nothing sighted.
Conducted retiring search toward TRUK.

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Case 9 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Tunny

Third War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 4115 kcs and generally good on 12345 except between 2300-2400 Zebra when some fading was noticed. Last serial received - 42 (None Missed)

No. C-4

June 4

1914 (L) Surfaced and set course for area.

June 6

0430 (K) Entered area.

June 7

0540 (K) Submerged 12 miles south of Truk Atoll.....
1037 (K) Heard two distant depth charges.
1202 (K) Sighted Amigiri-type destroyer standing out of Truk zigzagging radically
1223 (K) Fired four torpedoes (Attack #1) ... All missed.
1228 (K) Target dropped four depth charges at considerable distance but did not return to the scene of the attack.....
1935 (K) Surfaced and set course to the South, patrolling Kavieng-Truk route.

June 8

Patrolling normal to Truk-Kavieng route on surface 100 miles south of Truk.....

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No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	2
Date	6-7
Time	1202 (K)
Position	5-58N 151-42E
Description	Amigiri type DD
Remarks	Fired four torpedoes. Missed. Attack #1.

U.S.S. Whale

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-6

Radio Reception: During this patrol radio reception was good.

No. C-7

June 3-4

See VI, Case 1, C-2.

June 5

See VI, Case 4, C-2.

No. C-8

Description of Contact

See VI, Case 4, C-3.

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Case 10

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: No Originator 03/1855 June
TO: SEO 1 (Jaluit Base JN 25 E 19
Force #6) 53515
INFO: YATUSEU (Garbled)
MAKI 9 (Tokyo Transportation Section)
UU 5 (Yokosuka Chief of Staff)
TUKI 9 (4th Fleet)
WAA 4 (Air Flot #22)
KUKI 4 (Wake Communication Unit)
RUNIMO (at enciphered Wake)
SAIWI (Ruotto Detachment of Guard
Division #61)

"Kwajalein departures for the 3rd.
Yamakuni Maru for Wake. Scheduled to arrive
0600 the 7th. X32946 for Ruotto scheduled to
arrive the same day."

(T2W-050629-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 06/0042 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING FOX NPM
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP

1 BEECH (FREIGHTER) ABOUT 5000 TONS PROBABLY
WITHOUT ESCORT DEPARTED KWAJALEIN JUNE 3RD
ARRIVES WAKE 21 HOURS GCT JUNE 6 X SARGO
ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION IF POSSIBLE TO DO SO
WITHOUT EXCESSIVE FUEL EXPENDITURE X ULTRA
SERIAL 12 FROM COMSUBPAC

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U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception for NPM Fox was excellent and complete.

No. C-2

June 5

- 0500 (M) Cruising on surface, on two engines approaching WAKE. Sighted two searchlights on WAKE sweeping sea in our direction. Dove and commenced patrol north of WAKE and PEALE IS. approaching to within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of reef. No signs other than half sunk vessel sighted. Signs of new buildings being constructed at several points.
- 0845 (M) Sighted plane (4 engine patrol sea-plane bomber) take off from Lagoon to fly to northward. Encountered too great a westerly set to circuit the entire WAKE group so at about
- 1500 (M) commenced standing to westward for surfacing. Set clocks to -11 time.
- 1912 (L) Surfaced and continued to SW on 2 engines, cruising-charging.

June 6

- 1330 (L) Cruising on surface on two engines. Minor fire in maneuvering room damaged

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only the lead to rheostat of field for
#1 main generator.
0404 (L) Continued on 2 engines. Loose lead
causing trouble, resoldered.

June 7

2038 (L) Adjusted speed to be able to submerge
between TRUK-GUAM and TRUK-LAIPAN lanes,
also to keep clear of another U.S. sub-
marine reported crossing ahead of us.

Case 11

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: FUSA 5 (KAKI 2) (At Truk 04/1408 June
Associated Transpor- JN 25 E 19
tation) (C) 60037
TO: YAKO 3 (ROO 5) (Base Force
5) (B)
SIRA 2 (HIRO 9)
MOTIKA (Yokosuka Naval District CofS)
(B)
INFO: WAWA 8 (KOU 7)
SETI 1 (LMI 4) (4th Fleet) (C)
TUEKE (Naval General Staff, 1st
Section) (A)

Blank at 1300 4th June depart Truk enroute
Yokosuka scheduled to arrive 0700 10th.
Noon positions: (5th to 9th inclusive)

5th - 12-22N, 150-10E.

6th - 17-40N, 148-20E.

7th - 22-50N, 146-22E.

8th - 28-00N, 144-20E.

9th - 32-45N, 141-00E.

(NPM-050914-JUNE-P-COMB-COPLK)

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Case 11 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 06/0347 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NFM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA SERIAL 13 FROM COMSUBPAC X 2 ASH 3
IRONWOOD X 1255 X PLUS 9 PLUS 300 X MINUS 7 X
WGUX 3010 (31-30 NORTH 142-10 EAST) X SCULPIN
TAKE STATION AT POSITION GIVEN X TRIGGER AND
SALMON TAKE STATION DISTANT 10 MILES BEARING
360 DEGREES AND 300 DEGREES RESPECTIVELY FROM
SCULPIN'S POSITION X BE IN POSITION BY 9 HOURS
GCT JUNE 8 KEEP PRESENCE IN VICINITY UNDETECTED
UNTIL CONTACT IS MADE OR UNTIL AFTER 0 HOUR
GCT 9 JUNE IF CONTACT IS MISSED X DO NOT ATTACK
ANY SUBMARINE IN VICINITY UNLESS POSITIVELY
IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY X USE 450 KILOCYCLES TO
EXCHANGE INFORMATION AFTER CONTACT X NOTE THAT
SCULPIN DOES NOT HAVE ECM X IF TIME PERMITS
AFTER CONTACT SCULPIN ONLY MAY WORK ON FOLLOW-
ING X 1 MAPLE X BLANK X BLANK X MINUS 900 X
MINUS 7 X YBBV 0020 (28-00 NORTH 143-40 EAST)
ALGAROSA CCGA 4500 (32-45 NORTH 141-00 EAST) X
SALMON AND TRIGGER WILL BE GIVEN ANOTHER JOB
TO THE WESTWARD

C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Sculpin

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was good the majority
of the time on station.

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Case 11 (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 6

- 0230 (K) Entered area. Patrolled across KISKA route during daylight. No contact.
2245 (K) Descripted Comsubpac dispatch 060347 (serial 13F; ultra) and at
2300 (K) proceeded as requisite at best speed.

June 9

- 0000 (K) Sighted two carriers escorted by one large ship, apparently a cruiser, bearing about 190°T. Almost simultaneously made radar contact at range of 11,500 yards. Commenced approach.
0016 (K) Fired four torpedoes from forward tube nest at last carrier in column; range 7,000 yards, torpedo run 7350 yards.
0016-30
(K) approx. One premature torpedo explosion, close aboard. Commenced maneuvering for stern shot.
0024 (K)
approx. Heard two distant underwater explosions and at about this time observed much blinker signalling in the target group. Sent contact report.
0025 (K) Unable to gain position for stern shot, commenced chase. Sight contact lost.
0032 (K) Radar contact lost, range 14,300 yards, only two pips visible.
0130 (K) Not having regained contact and in view of events of 0024, 0032, and 0034, decided to back track searching for cripple. Proceeded accordingly but with negative results.

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0451 (K) Anticipating opposition, air and surface, submerged and patrolled at periscope depth, along the line between Lat 28°N. Long 144°20'E. and Lat 32°45'N. Long 141°E.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

Date: 6/9
Time: 0000
Position: 31-30N, 143-10E.
Course: 330° T.
Speed: 19
Type and Description: 2 CV and 1 CL or large DD

U.S.S. Trigger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: During patrol while in area, reception was very good.

No. C-5

June 9

0040 (K) (17th Contact) (No attack). Lat. 31-41 N. Long. 141-56 E. Two aircraft carriers with destroyer screening vessels. Made radar contact at twelve miles range. Immediately went to full power on all main engines on normal approach course. This course was, however, by plot parallel

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to enemy course and they have the edge on speed. Closed slowly still at full power at the expense of losing bearing in the hope of a zig towards. Cannot get full use of #4 main engine.

0230 (K) Contact is now in sight; two aircraft carriers with at least one other vessel. The minimum range was 12,000 yards, angle on the bow 135 starboard. Our full power had not been sufficient.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

Date: 6/9
Time: 0040
Type: 2 carriers with A/S screen.
Position: 31-41N, 141-56E.
Course: 330
Speed: 20

U.S.S. Salmon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-7

Radio Reception: Reception was not complete. The following serials were missed: 32, 33 and 83.

No. C-8

June 7

Enroute point designated for special mission.

2245 (K) Obtained fix on Aoga Shima.

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June 8

- 0540 (K) Submerged about twenty miles from designated position to remain undetected.
- 1800 (K) Arrived on position assigned.
- 1810 (K) Contact #15. Sighted masts of a ship on the horizon. From radical course changes and slender masts assumed this to be a patrol boat.
- 1830 (K) This contact developed into three freighters with one escort. By running at high speed it may have been possible for us to attain favorable position for attack. However, I interpreted literally my orders to remain undetected and did not attack. After some deliberation decided that this target was too good to miss. We would trail and attack at night well south of the position occupied by the SCULPIN and the TRIGGER.
- 2015 (K) Surfaced and commenced tracking at high speed. Sighted two large shapes on the horizon at 2220. Contact #16. Coached on and got a pip at 10,000 yards bearing 075°T. Assuming this to be our convey on predetermined course of 140°T, we came to a converging course at high speed to close for attack. It soon became apparent however, that this target was on opposite course as range was opening rapidly. Realized that we had contacted a carrier group so came left to his bearing. We were able to maintain the range constant at eighteen knots, determined the course to be 330°T.
- 2305 and
2323 (K) Sent contact report to SCULPIN and TRIGGER. Experienced some difficulty with salted-up antennas.

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June 9

Trailing the carrier group.
0016 (X) Heard a loud and distant explosion.
0027 (X) Heard several distant explosions distinctly felt throughout the ship. As we were completely out of this fight at
0100 (X) set course to carry out second part of special mission. Running on surface at high speed until
1600 (X) when we arrived at estimated 2000 position of convoy and headed south to intercept. No contact made.
2000 (X) Opened out ten miles to westward of estimated track and commenced search to northward and to cover the estimated down position.
2200 (X) Received instructions to proceed on special mission. Proceeding at high speed to arrive in position tomorrow night.

No. C-9

Description of Contact

No: 16
Date: 6/8
Time: 2220 (X)
Type: Task Force.
Position: 31-09N, 142-30E.
Course: 320
Speed: 18
Description: 2 CV and 1 or more escorts.

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Case 12

A -- Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese dispatch not available. Editor).

B -- Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CINCPAC
TO: COMSUBPAC
ALL SUBS COPYING NPM

06/1525 June

PREC: OP

ENEMY SUBMARINE DOG FOXED AT 6/1203 GCT POSIT
25 NORTH 140 EAST GRADED LOVE NUMBER 2429 X
THIS IS ULTRA FROM CINCPAC X CASE NUMBER 2429
BELIEVED ENROUTE YOKOSUKA VIA CHICHILJIMA UNDER
ESCORT

C -- Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Trigger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: During patrol while in area,
reception was very good.

No. C-2

June 6

1345 (K) Single wing land-plane 34-10N, 139-35E.

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Case 13

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: HIRE 0 06/2031 June
TO: FURURU 2 (Commander JN 25 E
Shonan Maru #15) 62754
INFO: MINO 3
SAWIMI (Yokosuka Naval District,
Commander)
NIN 1 (4th Fleet)
TAN 9 (#2 Escort Force)
ANO 0 (#2 Escort Force, Unit)

Noon positions.

8th, 15-46 N, 146-66 E.
9th, 13-10 N, 148-36 E.
10th, 10-37 N, 150-07 E.
11th, 08-01 N, 151-41 E.

Expect to arrive North passage at 1500.

NEGAT COMMENT: This part 2 of a two-part message, 1st section of which is not available. This one starts right out with noon positions as shown.

(NCS-070413-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM: No Originator 06/2031 June
TO: FURURU 2 (#15 Shonan JN 25 E 19
Maru) 62754
INFO: KEMURA (Shinko Maru)
ANO 0 (Unit in Surface Escort Unit #2)
NIN 1 (4th Fleet)
TAN 9 (Surface Escort Unit #2)
SAWIMI (Commander Yokosuka Naval
Station)
MINO 3

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Case 13 No. A-2 (Cont.)

Noon positions of unknown ships or ship:

8th, 15-46 N, 146-56 E.
9th, 13-10 N, 148-36 E.
10th, 10-37 N, 150-07 E.
11th, 8-01 N, 151-41 E.
(T2W-070421-JUNE-OP-COMAB-COPAK)

GI COMMENT: This is the second part of a two-part Jap message of which the first part is not available. NSS-070413 reports this with slight variations; noon positions are identical:

1. HIRE U is originator.
2. Shinko Maru is not an addressee.
3. Arrival time and destination are not given.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 07/1750 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC

PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC SENDS THIS ULTRA SERIAL 17 X 1 OR MORE MAPLES (TYPE UNKNOWN) AT 3 HOURS GCT 8 JUNE GWQE 4656 (15-46N, 146-56E) ALGAROSA ZCDJ 1036 (13-10N, 148-36E) YKEP 3707 (10-37N, 150-07E) DZQW 0141 (8-01N, 151-51E) WHALE AND SUNFISH MAY WORK THIS 1 NORTH AND SOUTH RESPECTIVELY OF 12-30 NORTH

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U.S.S. Whale

Fourth War Patrol

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Case 13 (Cont.)

No. C-1

Radio Reception: During this patrol reception was good.

No. C-2

June 8

- 0428 (K) Submerged 15 miles northwest of Saipan and closed harbor for observations. Patrolled on north and south line five miles off harbor entrance. No ships in harbor.
- 0805 (K) Sighted scout observation sea-plane.
- 1055 (K) Sighted twin engine land based bomber.
- 1257 (K) Sighted 400 ton trawler type patrol vessel off entrance.
- 1955 (K) Surfaced. Set course, at best speed for Empire-Truk route, thru Marianas, south-east of Saipan.

June 9

- Patrolling on surface.....frequent rain squalls sometimes reducing visibility to zero.
- 1530 (K) Sighted smoke on horizon.....closed and sighted masts and king posts of two large freighters. Unable to locate escort.
- 1830 (K) Sunset. Gained position 16 miles ahead on estimated base course of convoy. With only about 45 minutes of daylight remaining, were afraid to close for attack because it was expected that the convoy would change base course at the end of evening twilight.
- 1844 (K) Still tracking from ahead--convoy changed base course to left to about 145° T..... One freighter smoking heavily.

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- 2105 (K) Sighted convoy from bridge, consisting of the two large freighters about 800-1000 yards abeam of each other with the escort ahead and between them.....submerged to 42 feet and changed course to close.
- 2136 (K) Sighted right hand target through No. 1 periscope.
- 2146-25 (K) Fired first torpedo to hit.
- 2146-40 (K) Fired second torpedo spread 3 degrees right.
- 2146-55 (K) Fired third torpedo spread 3 degrees left.
- 2147-00 (K) Shifted to second freighter.
- 2148-05 (K) Explosion - first torpedo hit.
- 2148-12 (K) Explosion - second torpedo hit.
- 2148-40 (K) Second freighter.....had commenced zig to the right.
- 2148-55 (K) Fired fourth torpedo to hit.
- 2149-11 (K) Fired fifth torpedo spread 3 degrees right.
- 2149-28 (K) Fired sixth torpedo spread 3 degrees left.
- 2151-50 (K) Tremendous explosion from first ship followed by two more explosions. It is believed that one or more of the last three torpedoes aimed at the second freighter hit the first freighter already damaged. They were very close together in bearing.
- 2152-38 (K) Fired tube No. 7 to hit.
- 2152-46 (K) Fired tube No. 8.
- 2152-54 (K) Fired tube No. 10.
- 2154-38 (K) Heavy torpedo explosion astern.
- 2154-48 (K) Second explosion. Probable second hit.
- 2158-43 (K) Another deep rumbling explosion which sounded like an internal explosion with the usual accompanying water noises of a ship breaking up.

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2159-10 (K) There then followed a series of six or more explosions of varying intensities and descriptions.....Whale commenced to open out to the westward.

2330 (K) Nothing more heard on sound gear so surfaced. Careful radar search revealed nothing.....set course for Midway - eight torpedoes remaining. The two freighters hit and believed sunk were similar to the following: Kano Maru, 8,572 Tons and Amagisan Maru, 7,620 Tons. The first freighter, Kano Maru, was definitely hit by two or probably by four torpex heads set at 16 feet. The second freighter, Amagisan Maru, was definitely hit by one and probably two T.N.T. heads set at 16 feet.

June 10 to 13

Enroute Midway.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No: 17
Date: 6/8
Position: 15-16N, 145-34.9E.
Description: Sighted 400 ton trawler type patrol vessel off entrance Tanapag Harbor Saipan.

No: 18
Date: 6/9
Position: 12-46.2N, 148-49E.
Description: Sighted masts and king posts of 2 large freighters bearing 230°T - Kano Maru and Amigasan Maru. Both believed sunk.

U.S.S. Sunfish

Third War Patrol

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Case 13 (Cont.)

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio communications were satisfactory and all serials were received.

No. C-5

June 7

Patrolled north of MURILO ISLAND.
2114 (K) Received Comsubpac serial 16.

June 8

Patrolled eastward of MURILO ISLAND.
1917 (K) Set course for Lat $11^{\circ}40'N$, Long $149^{\circ}25'E$.

June 10

0230 (K) Radar contact, 9000 yards, and simultaneously sighted what evidently was a patrol vessel. Visibility excellent though a moonless night. Tracked vessel on course $150^{\circ}T$, speed 8 knots. Assured this was a van escort. (Contact #9).
0428 (K) Daylight approaching, dived in calm seas and headed for contact to be in position for attack from starboard flank before advantage of dark western horizon was lost.
0440 (K) Sound heard fast screws on bearing of contact.
0450 (K) Sighted tuna-type patrol vessel, leading a catcher-type trawler, noted a radical course change to eastward; changed course and speed to close.

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Case 13 No. C-5 (Cont.)

- 0515 (K) Sighted unidentified plane to eastward and shortly saw smoke and later the tops of masts, range 20,000 yards. (Contact #10) (Air attack #10).
- 0620 (K) Range 10,000 yards angle on bow 90° S, identified column formation of vessels (including two previous contacts) as follows: (1) Tuna-type patrol; (2) Catcher-type trawler; (3) Small, heavily smoking freighter or tug, apparently towing (4) Kamikura Maru class freighter; (5) small 1500 ton freighter; (6) Catcher-type patrol; (7) Tuna-type patrol. The latter occasionally patrolled abeam, then dropped astern. Best position attainable was 6000 yards, 150° S bow angle on (4). Convoy course 180° T, speed 8 knots. Trained at 3 knots with plan to surface for end-around when range had opened to 20-25 miles to minimize interference by aircraft. Convoy's course changed, later, to 150° T.
- 1107 (K) Smoke still in sight; preparing to surface; sighted tops of masts ahead bearing 170° T, $30-40^{\circ}$ S angle on bow. Commenced high speed approach and during next few minutes sighted two additional sets of masts to left of first. Broke off attack when at
- 1240 (K) identified vessels as two tuna-type patrols and one catcher-type trawler patrolling on line of bearing 1500-2000 yards apart, traversing a line curve along 330° T, reverse of convoy's course. Probably those were previously with the convoy and were now covering its rear, acting as decoys or both. Regardless, they remained in sight for some time after we headed back in convoy's direction and prevented surfacing as early as planned.

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1833 (K) Surfaced at sunset and ran at best speed in pursuit of convoy. Plotted track ran through E. FAYU, so ran half-hour legs 20° either side of estimated track, 15 miles to westward to prevent its escape by a shift of position in that direction.

June 11

When contact was not regained at 0030, the time estimated for contact, covered on original track and at daylight dived 15 miles ahead of estimated position. Those tactics, with excellent visibility existing during darkness, should have covered a lane at least 30 miles wide along estimated track, but contact was not regained. The only explanation offered is that (1) additional towing facilities were provided from TRUK, (2) the damaged ship was able to make repairs and proceed to higher speeds or (3) base course was radically changed. The only worth-while contact on this patrol had slipped by.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No:	10
Time:	June 10
Position:	11-14N, 149-50E.
Course:	180°T.
Speed:	8
Description:	1 - Tuna-type patrol. 2 - Catcher-type trawler. 3 - Small freighter or tug. 4 - Kamikura Maru class freighter. 5 - 1500 ton freighter. 6 - Catcher-type. 7 - Tuna-type patrol.
Remarks:	six and seven were contact #9.

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Case 14

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: WARHI (Saigon Local Transportation Section Chief) 06/1810 June JN 25 E 28201

TO: NSENI (Chief of Transportation Section)
KATANI (Same Transportation Section)
FUNIKA (#2 China Fleet)
UWAHO (Bako Commandant)
2 garbled calls
KIRIMA

INFO: ROKAYA (Tokyo Address)
SIMAWI (Sasebo Transportation Office)
SIKEMI (Osaka Chief of Staff)
MAMIKO (Saigon Special Base Force 11)
ORAMA (Member special mission from Indo-China)

B vessel (X47970 - unident Maru) departs Haiphong for Osaka via blank the 6th at 1900. Speed 12 knots. Blanks cargo 3106 tons of blank, 135 passengers. Request you make special arrangements for this ship's escort blanks.

Noon positions: 7th, 20-10N, 110-00E.
8th, 22-10N, 114-20E.
9th, 24-10N, 118-30E.
10th, 27-15N, 122-10E.
11th, 29-55N, 126-blank E.

Scheduled to arrive blank the 12th at 1500.

Note: Stop-over point between Haiphong and Osaka
is garbled, but appears to be Nagasaki.
(NSS-071111/071117-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPIK)
(Parts 1 and 2 of 2 parts)

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Case 14 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 07/1842 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
PREC: OP OP

TOUGH LUCK ON YOUR LAST ATTACK SEAWOLF X HERE IS
ANOTHER ONE FOR YOU X COMSUBPAC ULTRA NUMBER 18
X 1 MAPLE (TYPE UNKNOWN) AT 23 HOURS GCT 8 JUNE
NDXC 1020 (22-10 NORTH 114-20 EAST) LBCG 1030
(24-10 NORTH 118-30 EAST) HSAP 1510 (27-15 NORTH
122-10 EAST) X REMAIN SOUTH OF 29 NORTH AS GUNNEL
AND SCORPION ARE ENTERING AREAS 9 AND 12 ON 11
AND 13 JUNE RESPECTIVELY

C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Seawolf

Ninth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception and transmission was
wholly satisfactory.

No. C-2

June 7

Sighted several sampan lights during night.
Conducted surface patrol today retiring
slowly southwestward towards our area,
having run the length of the China Sea
from Formosa nearly to Nagasaki. After
much deliberation sent in a report on what
meager information we had on this convoy

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as it appeared that it might have been a large naval force heading east of Formosa towards the southwest Pacific area. No sights in four days made our own position problematical, although it developed later that it was correct as used.

June 8

- Sighted red light, maneuvered to avoid. Poor visibility. Was not sighted.
0448 (H) Smoke and masts of another ship sighted. Trawler now about 6 miles distant.
0514 (H) Sunrise. Surfaced, closed masts in light rain. Overcast.
0606 (H) Masts developed into another trawler-type patrol vessel. Dived, avoided.
1200 (H) Both patrol vessels out of sight.

June 9

- 1550 (H) Picked up land identified as Taichow Liehtao, north of Wenchow Bay at 25 miles.remained on surface. Avoided six sampans.

June 10

- 0420 (H) Took southwest course.sighted various sampans, no patrol vessels. Remained submerged all day.
1902 (H) Surfaced.heading for Turnabout Is.

June 11

- 0435 (H) Dived. Raining, visibility fair, solid overcast, no sights.
1200 (H) Position doubtful.
1908 (H) Surfaced. Closed China coast at slow speed.

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2346 (H)continued southwestward towards
Turnabout light.

June 12

1421 (H) Picked up smoke astern, believed to be
convoy, in two columns. Decided to con-
tinues opening at dead slow speed for a
dusk attack due to glassy condition of
sea.

1835 (H) Stacks and masts coming over the horizon.
One destroyer ahead, six other ships, 6
knots, all small except one in middle
fairly large. Identified first three
ships to be seen clearly as other escorts,
until seen more clearly to be MFM well-
deckers of 2000-3000 tons. Largest ship
was MKFM of about 7000 tons.

2052 (H) Angle on bow now 90°port, range 4000 yards
suddenly realized that this was a 2500 ton
MFM well-deck, 250 ft. long, ship the
eighth ship of the convoy, about four miles
astern, trying to close up. No escort.

2352 (H) Fired four torpedoes..... No explosions.
Torpedoes all ran hot.....believed we
missed ahead.....but the one aimed at the
stern should have hit. Cannot understand
no explosions at end of runs.

June 13

0005 (H) Surfaced. Picked up target at 7,000 yards
still running away but on a course which
closed main convoy somewhat. Smoke of main
convoy in sight.....continued chase on two
engines,

0048 (H) Sighted two ships, strangers,

0110 (H) Lost sight of all ships. Believed these
two new ships to have been destroyers or
patrol boats.

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0202 (H) After maneuvering radically and stopping to listen, set course northeast to overhaul convoy again at 3 engine speed, charging on 4th.
0300 (H) Picked up convoy on radar at 13,000 yards ahead.
0415 (H) Range now 3000 yards, on nearest freighter, a MFH deep well-decks, about 3000 tons, tall thin stack. Decided not to fire.
0436 (H) Abandoned attack, took a reverse course of convoy to the southwest, and started an analysis of what we were doing wrong to develop such consistently poor situations.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

Not: 4
Date: 6/12
Time: 1835 (H)
Position: 26-02N, 121-30E.
Type: 6 ship convoy, plus 1 DD plus 1 ship trailing 4 miles astern.
Course: 049
Speed: 6.5
Remarks: All MFH 3 island well-decks 2,000-4,000 tons except one MKFH of 7,000 tons. Wakatake class DD. Attacked trailing ship. No hits. Attack #2.

Case 15

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: (Palao Supply
Section of 2nd
Escort Force) (A)

07/1318 June

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Case 15 No. A-1 (Cont.)

TO: TIRO 3 (TIYO 6) (Surface Escort Unit 1) (C)
FUTE 2 (FURI 1) ("R" Area Defense Force) (B)
(Bismark Area Defense Force) (B)
MUNA 4 (MUME 4) (Combined Fleet, All
Flagships) (B)
INFO: MARO 4 (RAYO 4)
NOKI 0 (NOKA 8) (Akitsu Maru) (B)
WE-FUWA-WE KAKU
KIKURI (Garble)
NORO 0 (NOYO 8) (2nd Southern Expedition-
ary Fleet) (C)
SEKI 7 (SEKA 7) (Air Flot 25) (B)
TUEKE (Naval General Staff, 1st Section) (A)
URO 7 (UYO 7) (Navy Transportation Office) (A)

Status of convoys at Palao on 7th June. (In order
of destination, number of ships, and departure).
(?) For the Empire 0 ships on the 13th.
For blank 2 ships on the 11th.
For Singapore-Balikpapan area 2 ships on the 11th.
For Rabaul 11 ships the 13th.
For Tru-Wewak area none.
Please arrange for escort for Rabaul bound convoy.

(NPM-092250-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEL)

No. A-2

FROM: TIUNI (Comdr Palao Area 07/1318 June
Branch, Escort Unit) JN 25 E
TO: MUNA 6 16463
TIRO 8 (#2 Surface Escort
Unit)
FUTE 2 (Bismark Area Defense Force)
INFO: TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
URO 7 (Navy Transportation Office)
KIKURI
MARO 4
NOKI 4
NORO 0 (2nd Southern Expeditionary
Fleet)
SEKI 7 (#3 SoEx Fleet)

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Shipping situation at Palao as of (36150 June date) in order of:

<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. of Trips</u>	<u>Expected date of departure</u>
For Japan	Ø?	13th
For blank	2	11th
Blank Balikpapan		
Area	2	11th
Rabaul	11	13th

Truk, Wewak area no schedule. Please arrange escorts for shipping bound for Rabaul.

(NSS-090713-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-3

FROM: HIRI Ø (Saipan Base Force 5) 06/1553 June
JN 25 E
04854
TO: SOI 2
INFO: SUHI 7 (4th Fleet)
TOTU 2 (Escort Unit #2)
SAWIMI (Yokosuka Naval District Comdr.)
RORIKI (Garbled)

5th blank Desopord blank.
Blanks total of 9 vessels depart for P1 (Truk)
1000 7th, scheduled arrive North Channel 0600
14th. Noon posits (all North and East):
8th, 14-03N, 164-34E.
9th, 12-56N, 147-28E.
10th, 11-50N, 148-23E.
11th, 10-44N, 149-17E.
12th, 09-blank N, 150-12E.
13th, 08-32N, 151-06E.

NEGAT COMMENT: Missing first portion is reference info and names of vessels.
Desopord is probably 5th Base Force's.

(SS-071402-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

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Case 15 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

08/0419 June

PREC: OP OP

COMSUBPAC SENDS SERIAL 20 ULTRA FOR SUBS CONCERNED X THERE IS EVIDENCE OF LARGE CONVOY MOVEMENTS FROM PALAU STARTING 11 JUNE X HOE AND SARGO OMIT YOUR RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS FOR THE PRESENT AND GET INTO AREAS 11 SOUTHEAST AND 11A RESPECTIVELY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE X HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU MORE INFO ON SHIP MOVEMENTS LATER X WHALE IF NOT OTHERWISE ENGAGED MIGHT TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PECAN X POSITION AT 3 HOURS GCT 8 JUNE 14-03 NORTH 146-34 EAST ALGAROBIA 12-56 NORTH 147-28 EAST 11-50 NORTH 148-23 EAST X IN VIEW SLOW SPEED INDICATED IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING BEING TOWED

No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

08/1733 June

PREC: OP OP OP

MY 080419 GIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO HOE AND SARGO SHOULD HAVE READ " AREA 10 SOUTHEAST AND 10A " INSTEAD OF 11 SOUTHEAST AND 11A REF: ULTRA X THERE IS EVIDENCE OF LARGE CONVOY MOVEMENTS FROM PALAU STARTING 11 JUNE X HOE AND SARGO OMIT YOUR RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS FOR THE PRESENT AND GET INTO AREAS 11 SOUTHEAST AND 11A RESPECTIVELY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 11

0230 (X) Entered area. Set course to make submerged patrol southeast of Anguar Is. commencing at dawn.

1236 (KI) Sighted small fishing boat.

1926 (KI) Surfaced. Patrolled Palau-New Guinea traffic lanes during night.

June 12

Patrolled, submerged during daylight off Anguar Is. and south of Malakal Harbor. Sighted one sampan, one patrol boat and one patrol plane during day.

1944 (KI) Surfaced and proceeded to eastern edge of area to intercept convoy reported by GREENLING. Took station at convoy's estimated 1000 position tomorrow.

June 13

Patrolled, submerged during daylight. On obtaining evening fix discovered we had been set 29 miles to north.

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June 14

- Patrolled submerged during daylight.
- 1014 (KI) Decided to shift station to a point 1 1/4 miles south. Surfaced.
- 1103 (KI) Submerged to 100 feet.
- 1140 (KI) Heard three explosions, not close. We had just completed our first periscope search at 65 feet and were coming up to 60 feet. Took a quick look around and could see no ship. Went down to 150 feet.
- 1230 (KI) Started up to 65 feet and on reaching 80 feet heard three more explosions much closer this time. These explosions were definitely not depth charges so decided they were light aircraft bombs and that we had been spotted from the air while shifting station from 1014 to 1103. Returned to 150 feet, no sound of propellers.
- 1350 (KI) Returned to periscope depth.
- 1358 (KI) Lat. 6°28', Long 136°33'E. Sighted ship on port beam angle on the bow 150 starboard. Estimated range 22,000 yards. As a result of previous bombing decided to remain submerged until dark then overtake and make an attack by moonlight. Seas were glassy calm and a daylight periscope attack without detection appeared doubtful.
- 1908 (KI) Surfaced and commenced search at full speed on two engines, charging on third, fourth out of commission.
- 2120 (KI) Increased speed to full on three engines (17 knots).
- 2400 (KI) Reached point five miles north of ships estimated position and commenced retiring search to south. Frequent rain squalls with a three quarter moon appearing occasionally.

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June 15

0103 (KI) Lat. $6^{\circ}32'N$, Long. $134^{\circ}51'E$. Made radar contact. Radar pips indicated one ship with two escorts at 13,700 yards. Headed for target at 17 knots.

0138 (KI) In position for shot with favorable track and small gyro angles at 3100 yards range. Made decisions to fire in spite of unfavorable range so fired three torpedoes with $1\frac{1}{2}$ divergent spread. One hit. This was believed to be an influence hit as target was unloaded. Time of torpedo run two minutes ten seconds. We were forced deep by one of our own torpedoes which ran circular and therefore could not observe final results. Both escorts commenced searching and dropping depth charges shortly after torpedo hit. We were not located by the escorts at any time although they searched for us about three hours. Target propellers were heard to stop when the torpedo hit and were never heard afterward although both escorts could be heard plainly. Cracking noises could be heard in the direction of the target for about forty minutes. It resembled the Chile Maru as shown on page 179 of ONI 208-J. The Commanding Officer feels that better results would have been obtained by about one half hour's tracking before commencing the approach. We should have come to periscope depth to take a look at target after the attack, however, we were in water with a 17 negative temperature gradient at the time and it's very difficult to break away from heavy density layers without making considerable noise which it was desired to avoid during the search. In addition

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it was believed the AK sank since both escorts searched for about three hours. Had she been afloat she would have been unguarded during this time when the escorts had no idea of our whereabouts.

0443 (KI) Surfaced, nothing in sight, light rain, moon had set. Cleared area and charged battery.

0531 (KI) Submerged, patrolled southeast of Anguar Is.

1917 (KI) Surfaced. Position doubtful. No fix in over forty-eight hours. Stood to eastward at best speed to overhauled reported convoy.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No: 4
Date: 6/15
Time: 0103 (KI)
Position: 6°32'N, 134°51'E.
Type: 1 freighter, 2 escort vessels.
Course: 275°
Speed: 10
Remarks: Freighter Chile Maru class. Escort vessels were similar to Br. vessels of same class.

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Radio Reception: Reception for NPM Fox was excellent and complete.

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Case 15 (Cont.)

No. C-5

June 10

Remained surfaced. Received messages of importance regarding traffic lanes to be patrolled.

June 11

- 0530 (L) Sighted FARAULEP IS. 250°T. distance 10 miles.
0630 (L) Dove and patrolled to SW. Will pass WOLEAI IS. after surfacing.
0900 (L) Set clocks back to -10 time. Could see nothing of interest on FARAULEP IS.
1905 (L) Surfaced and continued to SW. Received ULTRA regarding Tonan Maru and made plans to intercept her south of FAURAPIK ISLAND.

June 12

- 0535 (K) Sighted FAURAPIK IS. bearing 145°T. distance 10 miles.
0620 (K) Submerged and patrolled to southward noting nothing of interest on islands, very few habitations of primitive sort seen. Encountering difficulty with stern-planes contact maker.
1912 (K) Surfaced and proceeded to southward to intercept tanker.
2110 (K) Sighted tanker in bright moonlight, bearing 122°T. range 20,000 yards, commenced tracking and approach.
2250 (K) Submerged and completed approach.
2345 (K) Fired four torpedoes from bow tubes. All missed, heart-breaking and not fully explained by analysis.

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Case 15 No. C-5 (Cont.)

2351 (K) Target turned away sharply when torpedoes exploded at end of run.

June 13

2136 (K) Submerged on 295° T. ahead of convoy of 3 AKs and S.C.

2209 (K) Fired tubes 5 and 7 at second largest Maru (6581 tons), two hits. Target broke up and sank. Went deep and evaded persistent and close search by S.C.

June 14

0045 (K) SC lost contact, so returned to periscope depth.

0107 (K) Surfaced and commenced chase of convoy.

0636 (K) Sighted smoke of convoy bearing 185° T. distance 11 miles; commenced tracking and drawing ahead. Convoy was two Marus and SC (last night's target missing).

1011 (K) Submerged and completed approach.

1214 (K) Fired tubes 6, 5 and 7 at larger of two Marus, observed one hit forward. Believe this one sank too.

1216 (K) SC took up search promptly and quickly located us with echo ranging.

1258 (K) Took refuge in a heavy layer, occasionally stopping.

1309-10 (K) 4 depth charges very close on starboard side. Damage listed as addenda to part 10).

1450 (K) SC finally withdrew.

1515 (K) Proceeded to southward at periscope depth, nothing in sight.

1930 (K) Surfaced and stood to southward while minor derangements were repaired. Received orders for patrol point on 19th and 20th.

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Case 15 No. C-5 (Cont.)

June 17

- 1015 (X) Sighted smoke of convoy (later to be 4 AKs, one small AO, and 1 SC) bearing 215⁰T., range 24,000 yards. Commenced tracking and drawing ahead but convoy took a big sweep to southward of its reported track.
- 2123 (X) Dove and commenced approach.
- 2305 (X) Made three bow tubes ready (#1 out of commission) but with position on left flank targets repeatedly zigged away. casualty on stern planes - shifted to hand power.
- 2324 (X) Abandoned attack after best set up on smallest AK was 2,000 yards, 120 track. Considered it advisable to commence new approach in view of above conditions and our fire control material limitation (see deficiencies).

June 18

- 0001 (X) Surfaced and commenced taking position ahead of convoy for new approach at 4 engine speed.
- 0407 (X) Submerged and commenced approach.
- 0500 (X) Made bow tubes ready - but did not reach a firing position.
- 0520 (X) With all targets headed directly away abandoned attack, having thoroughly botched this night's work. Dawn was now beginning to break, and another end run ahead of the convoy plus approach will take about 6-7 hours which will prevent us from reaching our point ordered for 19th and 20th.
- 0628 (X) Surfaced and proceeded to NW to point ordered, smoke of convoy still visible to east.

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Case 15 No. C-5 (Cont.)

2141 (K) Sighted EAURAPIK IS. bearing 272°T.
distance 8 miles and set course north-
ward of it.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No: 1
Date: 12 June
Time: 2110 (K)
Position: 6-25N, 143-08E.
Type: AO 19400 - 535'
Speed: 13
RPM: 88
Course: 272°T.
Bearing: 19000 - 122°T.
Description: Tonan Maru
Remarks: Target zigging. Possibly changing
speed. Missed with four torpedoes.

No: 2a
Date: 6/13
Time: 1607 (K)
Position: 6-04N, 139-45E.
Type: AX 6581 tons 415'
Speed: 8
Bearing: 27000 - 217°T.
Description: Coal burning. Like Taibun Maru.
Single screw.

No: 2b
Date: 6/13
Time: 1607 (K)
Position: 6-04N, 139-45E.
Type: AX 8252 tons 483'
Speed: 8
Bearing: 27000 - 217°T.
Description: Single screw, coal burner, like
Taihoku Maru but maybe smaller.

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Case 15 No. C-6 (Cont.)

No: 2c
Date: 6/13
Time: 1607 (K)
Position: 6-04N, 139-45E.
Type: AK 4000 tons 345'
Speed: 8
Bearing: 27000 - 217°T.
Description: Coal burning, single screw. Similar to Bandoeng Maru.

No: 2d
Date: 6/13
Time: 1607 (K)
Position: 6-04N, 135-45E.
Type: SC
Speed: various
Bearing: 27000 - 217°T.
Description: Similar to SC-51 but believe a newer type.
Remarks: First sighted convoy's smoke bearing 217° range 27,000 and tracked until 2136 on surface, then submerged approach. 2a was sunk by two hits.

No: 3a
Date: 6/14
Time: 0636 (K)
Position: 6-35N, 136-57E.
Type: AK 6252 tons 483'
Speed: 8
Bearing: 24000 - 180°T.
Description: Single screw coal burning. Like Taihoku Maru but may be smaller.

No: 3b
Date: 6/14
Time: 0636 (K)
Position: 6-35N, 136-57E.
Type: AK 4000 tons 345'
Speed: 8
Bearing: 24000 - 180°T.

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Case 15 No. C-6 (Cont.)

Description: Coal burning single screw. Similar to Bandoent Maru.

No: 3c
Date: 6/14
Time: 0636 (K)
Position: 6-35N, 136-57E.
Type: SC
Speed: various
Bearing: 24000 - 180°T.
Description: Similar to SC-51 (same as 3b above).

Remarks: Sighted same convoy's smoke at 0636 bearing 180°T, range 24,000 and tracked until 1011 on surface then made submerged approach. 3a believed sunk by one hit.

No: 4a
Date: 6/17
Time: 1015 (K)
Position: 4-40N, 142-51E.
Type: AK 5600
Speed: 8.5
Bearing: 24000 - 215°T.
Description: Like Havana Maru coal burning.

No: 4b
Date: 6/17
Time: 1015 (K)
Position: 4-40N, 142-51E.
Type: AK 4000
Speed: 8.5
Bearing: 24000 - 215°T.
Description: ? Coal burning.

No: 4c
Date: 6/17
Time: 1015 (K)
Position: 4-40N, 142-51E.

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Case 15 No. C-6 (Cont.)

Type: AK 3000
Speed: 8.5
Bearing: 24000 - 215°T.
Description: Like Tokko Maru, coal burning.

No: 4d
Date: 6/17
Time: 1015 (K)
Position: 4-40N, 142-51E.
Type: AK 2000
Speed: —
Bearing: 2400 - 215°T.
Description: Like Syuri Maru, coal burning.

No: 4e
Date: 6/17
Time: 1015 (K)
Position: 4-40N, 142-51E.
Type: AO 1472
Speed: 8.5
Bearing: 24000 - 215°T.
Description: Like Hyogo Maru, diesel.

No: 4f
Date: 6/17
Position: 4-40N, 142-51E.
Type: SC
Speed: various
Bearing: 24000 - 215°T.
Description: Similar to SC-51 class.

Remarks: Picked up convoy's smoke and conducted
two unsuccessful night approaches.
17-18 June. Ships were loaded.

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Fourth War Patrol

No. C-7

Radio Reception: During this patrol reception was
good.

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Case 15 (Cont.)

No. C-8

June 8

1426 (K) Sighted four engine seaplane.
1955 (K) Surfaced, set course, at best speed for
Empire-Truk route, through the Marianas,
southeast of Saipan.

June 9

1530 (K) Sighted smoke on horizon, distance about
14 miles, bearing 232°T. Closed and
sighted masts and king posts of two large
freighters. Unable to locate escort.
Commenced end-around run on four engines
hoping to be able to get attack in prior
to sunset.

1830 (K) Sunset. Gained position 16 miles ahead
on estimated base course of convoy. With
only about 45 minutes of daylight remain-
ing, were afraid to close for attack be-
cause it was expected that the convoy
would change base course at the end of
evening twilight. We did not have suf-
ficient fuel remaining for another high
speed run for a second chance. Base
course at that time was about 165°T.

1844 (K) Still tracking from ahead - convoy changed
base course to left to about 145°T. Closed
on enemy bearing to gain radar contact.
One freighter smoking heavily.

1942 (K) Made radar contact at 15,400 yards. Com-
menced plot to determine exact zigzag plan.
Convoy was found to be steering 180°-1000
yards abeam of each other with the escort
ahead and between them. Submerged to 42
feet and changed course to close.

2120 (K) Regained radar contact at 7250 yards and
sighted smoke through #1 periscope.

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2146 (K) Fired first torpedo to hit.

2151-50 (K) Tremendous explosion from first ship followed by two more explosions. It is believed that one or more of the last three torpedoes aimed at the second freighter hit the first freighter already damaged. They were very close together in bearing. Sporadic gunfire, not close. Continued turning hard right. 2nd Freighter passed about four hundred yards astern still turning to her right. She steadied on 270 T., presenting about a 145° port track. We checked our swing on 120°.

2330 (K) The two freighters hit and believed sunk were similar to the following: Kano Maru, 8572 tons and Amagisan Maru, 7620 tons. The first freighter, Kano Maru, was definitely hit by two or probably by four torpex heads set at 16 feet. The second freighter, Amagisan Maru, was definitely hit by one and probably two T.N.T. heads set at 16 feet.

June 10 - 11

En route to Midway.

No. C-9

Description of Contact

Hot: 17
Date: 6/8
Time: 1257 (K)
Position: 15-6N, 145-34.9E
Description: Sighted 400 ton trawler type patrol vessel off Tanapag Harbor, Saipan.
Range: 28000

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Case 15 No. C-9 (Cont.)

No: 18
Date: 6/9
Time: 1530 (K)
Position: 12-46.2N, 148-49E.
Description: Sighted masts and king posts of two large freighters bearing 2320T - Kano Maru and Anigasan Maru. Both believed sunk.
Range: 28000
Course: 1st ship 165°T, hit 3000 at sunset.
2nd ship hit 1000. Changed to 145°.

Case 16

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: ROLO (Associated 07/0823 June
Transp. Nagoya)(C) JN 25 L 19
TO: YAMI 5 (Sub Unit) 60437
INFO: KOKI 7
EKAKA
EHORA (Takao Local Trans.Sect.Chief)(A)
TOTO 2
UWANO (Comdt.Bako Naval Station)(C)
NISASI
FUTE Ø
NSEN (Transportation Section Chief)(A)
TUEKE (1st Sect.Naval General Staff)(A)
ROTORI (CofS Sasebo Naval Station)(B)
KHO 9 (CinC China Fleet)(A)
KAYUKA
TAKANU (CofS Kure Naval Station)(A)
ANETU (CofS Chinkai Guard Dist.)(A)

1. No. 164 Convoy consisting of 6 ships, departed at 0820 blanks without escort ship. Kirishima Maru (JGIC) blanks; Tsukikawa Maru (JVUC) blanks; Muroyama Maru (J blank RL),

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departing from Sasebo blanks and headed for Bako.

2. Unreadable.
3. 228° and 10 miles from blanks. 26 North, 121 East. 24-blank North, 119-11 East, blank blank -35 blank, 119-52 East.
4. Blank, 34-04, 130-02.
8th, 32-22, 125-19.
9th, blank blank -24, blank blank -35.
10th, 24-06, 119-52.
5. 10th blanks Takao at 2100.

HYPO COMMENT: Posits in Part 4 are assumed to be noon posits in North Latitude and East Longitude. Blank numbers for the 9th are calculated to be 28 and 122.

GI COMMENT: Above given to Comsubpacfor.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 08/0917 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: OP OP OP

MORE WORK FOR THE SEAWOLF X PECAN AT 3 HOURS
GCT 8TH JUNE CCFK 2219 (32-22 N 125-19E)
ALGEROBA YBAP 2435 (28-24 N 122-35 E) LBDS
0652 (24-06 N 119-52 E) X SERIAL 21 ULTRA

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C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Seawolf

Ninth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception and transmission was wholly satisfactory.

No. C-2

June 9

1550 (H) Moderate rain, but visibility good. Picked up land identified as Taichow Liehtao, north of Wenchow Bay at 25 miles, indicating a set of 270°T., drift 18 miles from where we thought we were. One good fix two days ago but by taking single ping soundings at one or two-hour intervals and staying outside the 40 fathom curve, can always remain in safe water hereabouts. Remained on surface. Avoided six sampans, being careful not to be sighted by them.

June 10. 11. 12

See IV, Case 14, C-2.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

See IV, Case 14, C-3.

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Case 17

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: HEU 6 (#2 Escort Force) 07/1025 June
TO: KIU 4 (Saipan Base JN 25 E
Force #5) 06449
INFO: WANA 6 (Yokosuka Defense
Squadron)
MOTIKA (Chief of Staff Yokosuka Naval
District)
NSENI (Chief ? Transp. Section)
KUHAYU (Yokosuka Transp. Section)
MANOTA (Harbor Masters Office #12)
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RO 1
3 garbled

Convoy #4607 ? (Goshu Maru and blank escorted
by Inazuma) departed Truk at 0600 on 7th.
Scheduled arrive at 2000 on 13th.

1. (Noon positions) 8th to 13th:

12-20 North, 152-50 East.
17-05 North, 151-15 East.
21-50 North, 149-35? East.
26-35 North, 147-45 East.
30-25 North, 144-55 East.
34-10 North, 140-45 East.

2. Courses:

From 09-blank North, 153-55 East, 199°.
From 27-53 North, 147-15? East, 321°.
From: 32-03 North, 143-30 East, 302°.

(NSS-080421-080424-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPIK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 08/1011 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX

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PREC: OP OP

ULTRA FROM COMSUBPAC SERIAL 22 1 X 094
POPCORN AND 070 PEANUT X BLANK X BLANK X
MINUS 900 X MINUS 5 X 21-50 NORTH 149-35
EAST ALGAROA 26-35 NORTH 147-45 EAST
30-35 NORTH 144-55 EAST 34-10 NORTH 140-45
EAST X FLYING FISH AND SCORPION RENDER
NECESSARY HONORS SOUTH AND NORTH RESPECTIVELY
OF 28 NORTH

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U.S.S. Flying Fish

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception of the NPM Fox
schedule was complete in
all respects.

No. C-2

June 10

- 1035 (K). Conducting surface patrol east of the
Volcano Islands (Contact #2) (Attack
#1). Sighted masts bearing 351°T.,
distance 12 miles. Maneuvered on sur-
face to main position ahead. Base
course estimated 150°T.
- 1109 (K). Gained position ahead with enemy bear-
ing 330°T. Submerged and commenced
approach.
- 1204 (K). Three freighters with two escorts ob-
served in convoy, base course about 140°T.
Freighters in line of bearing with an
escort ahead on either flank. Forma-
tion was zigzagging by turn movements

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- every ten minutes. Freighter on western flank identified as Kansai Maru (8010 tons). Other freighters were unidentified class of about 4-5000 tons. Kansai Maru was chosen as primary target.
- 1222 (K) While waiting for Kansai Maru to come on firing bearing for near-straight bow shot, 90° port track, range 1700 yards, observed unexpected zig toward so held fire. Changed set-up to 70° port track, then observed center ship of formation to be forward of our starboard beam, angle on bow 5-10 port, range 250-300 yards. Went under him at 90 feet while swinging left for wider port track.
- 1226 (K) Steadied on course 195°T. on 125° port track as periscope broke surface. Set-up checked.
- 1227-47 (K) Commenced firing at what was intended to be a 4-torpedo spread with 150% coverage, to assure two hits at 1450 yard torpedo run.
- 1228-12 (K) Premature explosion dead ahead (25 seconds after firing 1st torpedo, 15 seconds after 2nd and two seconds after third). Observed target commence a turn to starboard and, since fourth torpedo was to be aimed 1/4 length ahead of target, did not wire.
- 1229-22 (K) With target presenting about 160° port angle on bow observed, heard and felt one hit under target stern; exact location difficult to tell at this angle but appeared to be about his engine room. (See remarks under attack No. 1, Summary of attacks). This evidently was the third torpedo which was aimed to pass 1/4 length astern.
- A search for another possible target for stern tubes during above period showed both other ships of formation

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- to be presenting 180° angle on bow, one going southeast and one east, both smoking heavily. Sound reported propellers stopped on Kansai Maru shortly after the hit, also reported customary "cracking-up" noises and escaping steam." The target appeared to "fish tail" away from us presenting angles from 165 port to 165 starboard with range gradually increasing. No perceptible list or settling was noted during the few minutes she was under observation but much smoke about her stern obscured the hull from sight.
- 1233 (K) Two depth charges, not close. Began to search for escorts.
- 1236 (K) Observed one escort slightly abaft port beam zero angle on the bow, smoking heavily, bow wave large and range short. Ordered deep depth and commenced "fish-tailing."
- 1238 (K) Six depth charges close astern. Rigged for depth charge.
- 1239-1241 (K) Eleven depth charges close enough to jolt but not damage.
- 1241-1244 (K) Seventeen depth charges further away (in ones, twos and threes).
- 1245 (K) One depth charge, either a giant cracker or closer.
- 1255 (K) Enemy commenced echo-ranging.
- 1315 (K) Came to periscope depth. Observed escort to be zigzagging across our stern at 500 to 1000 yards range, echo-ranging; identified as a Chidori Torpedo Boat with, what appeared to be the entire crew, topside.
- 1318 (K) Observed second escort on port beam at about 1500-2000 yards range. She evidently was stopped and was doing the listening

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job while the Chidori echo-ranged and attacked, or she was engaged in picking up survivors.

Changed course to the southwest to draw away from both ships. A search for the damaged ship at this time revealed nothing, although close proximity of the Chidori precluded use of much periscope.

1318-1520

(K)

Twenty-four depth charges were dropped by the escorts during this period but they were progressively further astern. The second escort was identified as a patrol vessel (Diesel Yacht). High periscope exposure also failed to reveal presence of damaged ship. The Chidori seemed to know the general direction of our retirement and followed in that direction just enough to keep us from surfacing, occasionally running back toward the patrol boat.

1725 (K)

The Chidori, still in sight bearing 035°T. called it a day, rejoined the patrol boat and then steamed off at high speed on course about 120°T. (See paragraph 8-A. "Enemy A/S measures").

1806 (K)

Surfaced and decided against chase because: (a) Escort had remained in our vicinity for 5½ hours, giving convoyed vessels (of at least 12 knots speed) a 60 to 65 mile lead on us in an uncertain direction. (b) Since both escorts remained behind, it suggested that the Japs had learned something from former experiences and the convoyed vessels had been dispersed, at least for the time being. (It also suggests a probable sinking) (c) ——— (d) (See paragraph 13-A under "Remarks".)

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Case 17 No. C-3

Description of Contact

No: (1)
Date: June 9, 1943
Time: 0215 (K)
Description: Lighted Sampan
Position: 26-02N, 152-07E.
Remarks: Maneuvered to avoid.

No: (2)
Date: June 10, 1943
Time: 1035 (K)
Description: Convoy. One large, two medium freighters.
One Chidori T.B. and one patrol boat.
In line of bearing normal to base course
with escort ahead on each flank.
Position: 24-55N, 145-36E.
Course: 130°T.
Remarks: Attack #1 Mansai Maru (or 10.5 knots
similar) 1 hit.

No: (3)
Date: June 12, 1943
Time: 0211 (K)
Description: Two lighted Sampans.
Position: 25-50N, 145-51E.
Course: 100°T.
Speed: 5 knots
Remarks: Approached until identified then
avoided.

U.S.S. Scorpion

Second War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Reception was excellent.

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Case 17

No. C-5

June 2

0730 (Y) Arrived Midway.
1500 (Y) Departed Midway.

June 7 - 12

En route assigned area.

June 13

1745 (I) Passed Lot's Wife.

June 14-21

En route assigned area.

Case 18

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: SIRC
TO: SOO 9 (SOHI 2) (On 07/2103 June
3815 Kcs) (B) JN 25 E 19
RELC 3 (REYO 5) (On 3815 71433
Kcs) (B)
TEMI 6 (TTU 7)
KUA 3 (KUN 5)
MAU 5 (MANO 0)
INFO: NTE 4 (NRI 4) (Iro Tanker) (B)
TENA 8 (TEML 6) (Kure Chief of Staff) (C)

Training objective (target) will be the Iro (?) (X67584) (being towed by the blank (X67500) and escorted by the blank (X23787) and blank (X655140). Noon position on the 9th will be 30-26 North, 133-33 East. Thereafter course

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roughly 330 (86211) degrees, speed 6.5 knots.

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No. A-2

FROM: RAWA 1 (RAA 6) (Chief of Staff Yokosuka) . 08/1325 June
(3) JN 25 E 19
81054
TO: KARISE
INFO: HANE 7 (HATE 1) (Vessel) (C)
REMO 9 (RENA 2) (4th Fleet) (3)
NIWA 7 (NIA 1) (Tokyo) (3)
EE 9 (EKI 2)

Daily order #0.

67500X is towing the Iroo? (67584X).

At 1200 on June 10 will head for Aure via Bungo Channel. Action addressee despatch (tugs, etc.) etc., to assist in towing operations.

(NPM-101148-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 08/1452 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM F
SCHEDULE
TINGSA
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP

BEING TOWED AT A SPEED OF 6.5 KNOTS 180 PLALUTS
WILL PASS THROUGH JMCB 2633 (30-26 NORTH 133-33
EAST) AT 3 HOURS GCT 9 JUNE ON COURSE 330 X
THIS ULTRA SERIAL 23 TO TINGSA

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First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio was complete and all consecutive serials were received. Last serial received - 66. Last serial sent - 3 (171245) of June 1943.

No. C-2

June 9

- 1752 (K) Sighted possible smoke. Rain squalls made identification difficult. Additional periscope exposure no aid.
- 2248 (I) Had gained position ahead, identified convoy as seven ships, including two or three escorts. Moon was up, obscured by clouds, would set about 2400. Sighted smoke at 220 T.
- 2259 (I) Identified target as tanker in tow. Six torpedoes available, all aft. Considered tanker most valuable target and Tinosa's last chance to get it. Other convoy could be worked on further south. Began end run, targets visible from bridge at 9000 yards.

June 10

- 0030 (I) Gained position ahead. Tanker in tow of smaller merchant ship, two escorts, one on each bow of tanker. Port escort never sighted but positively placed by

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radar as we circled port side. Starboard escort, destroyer, visible at 7000 yards. Not even horizon visible through periscope. Water very phosphorescent, wake clearly visible.

0113 (I) With no change in light conditions and after considering number and location of torpedoes decided to make daylight periscope attack.

0341 (I) Submerged.

0442 (I) Made attack, observing two hits and one premature. Began reload.

0447 (I) Forced down by escort. Twelve depth charges, one too close. Both gyros and trim pump out. Damage listed. Depth charging continued until 0542 (I) but all distant after first group.

0736 (I) Two heavy muffled explosions, in no way similar to depth charges. Believe tanker's last throes. Search and pinging continuing.

0952 (I) Had gradually started machinery, pumped bilges, and came to periscope depth. Nothing in sight. Magnetic compass practically useless. Maintaining easterly headings while correcting damage.

1336 (I) Sighted plane, one mile 1500 feet. Went to 120 feet.

1558 (I) Large air bubble from #4 M.B. tank on checking vents.

2021 (I) Surfaced. Reported south bound convoy and patrol results.

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Description of Contact

Hour: 63
Date: 6/9
Time: 2134 (I)
Position: 31-35.1N, 132-43.6E.
Type: Convoy of 7 ships 2 large merchantmen, 2 small merchantmen, 2 or 3 escorts.
Course: 177

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Speed: 9
Remarks: Smoking heavily.

No: 64
Date: 6/9
Time: 2259 (I)
Position: 31-14N, 132-44.1E.
Type: Misaki class D, P.C., 4000 ton
freighter towing Shiretoko Class
Tanker.

Course: 316
Speed: 5.5
Remarks: Page 180 ONI 14. Partially loaded
75 feet.

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A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: MOTIKA (Chief of Staff 07/1500 June
Yokosuka Naval JN 25 E
District) 19758
TO: NEU 4
INFO: NIKI 5 (4th Fleet)
MENA 2 (Base Force #4)
MUHO 1 (Chichijima Base Force)
KIU 4 (Saipan Base Force #5)
YUNEFU (vessel)
AA 3
MURA 2 (Garbled)

Convoy #3 blanks (X05571 - unident ship),
(X60009 - unident ship) and Fujikawa Maru
(X24450, escorted by (X59784 - Otori?) and
(X31581 - Subchaser #28) departed NAA for
PT at 1400 on 7th.

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Noon Posits (8th to 14th). (All North and East):
8th, 32-20 North, 140-10 East.
9th, 28-37 North, 143-34 East.
10th, 24-54 North, 145-38 East.
11th, 21-12 North, 147-47 East.
12th, 17-27 North, 149-52 East.
13th, 15-48 North, 151-52 East.
14th, 09-40 North, 152-34 East.

At 1800 on 14th, scheduled to pass through a point 50 miles northwest of Point "A".

(NBS-071948-JUNE-P-COMB-COPAK)

GI COMMENT: NAA is Yokosuka.
PT is Truk.
Phoned to Comdr. Voge 0500/06 June.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 08/1547 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX

PREC: OP OF OP

FLYING FISH GETS ANOTHER ULTRA SERIAL 24 J
FROM COMSUBPAC X PECAN X (COURSE) BLANK X
(SPEED) BLANK X (TIME) -900 (0300) X (DATE)
-6 (9TH) X POSITION) YBXH 3734 (28 DEG 37
MIN NORTH - 143 DEG 34 MIN EAST) X ALGARROBA
LDFY 5438 (24 DEG 54 MIN NORTH 145 DEG 38
MIN EAST) MORE DOPE ON THIS ONE LATER FOR
THE BOYS FARTHER SOUTH

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C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception for the NPM Fox schedule was complete in all respects. Last serial sent: 201011 July, 1943. Last serial received: 89 D.

No. C-2

June 10

- 1035 (K) Conducting surface patrol east of Volcano Island (Contact #2). (Attack #1) sighted masts bearing 351^c T., distance 12 miles.
- 1109 (K) Gained position ahead with enemy bearing 330 T. Submerged and commenced approach.
- 1204 (K) Three freighters with two escorts observed in convoy, base course about 140 T. Freighters in line of bearing with an escort ahead on either flank. Formation was zigzagging by turn movements every ten minutes. Freighter on western flank identified as Kansai Maru (8610 tons). Other freighters were unidentified class of about 4-5000 tons. Mansai Maru was chosen as primary target.
- 1229-22 (K) Sound reported propellers stopped on Kansai Maru shortly after the hit, also reported customary "cracking-up noises and escaping steam." The tar-

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get appeared to fishtail away from us presenting angles from 165 port to 165 starboard with range gradually increasing.

No perceptible list or settling was noted during the few minutes she was under observation but much smoke about her stern obscured the hull from sight.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No: 2
Time: 1035 (K)
Date: 6/10
Position: 24-55N, 145-36E.
Type: Convoy. One large, two medium freighters. One Chidori T.B. and 1 patrol boat. In line of bearing normal to base course with escort ahead on each flank.
Course: 130°.
Speed: 10.5
Remarks: Attack #1. Kansai Maru (or similar) hit.

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Case 20

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: KIRI 7 (Guard Division 06/1410 June
 #67, Wake)* JN 25 E
TO: OTU 4 (Base Force #6) 39004
INFO: TUEKE (1st Section Naval
 General Staff)
 MOTIKA (Yokosuka Naval District
 Chief of Staff)
 KUHATU (Yokosuka Transportation
 Section)
 ROUMA (Escort Force #2)
 SUHI 7 #4th Fleet)
 MANIRA (Yokosuka Munitions Section
 Chief)
 and one garbled call

(See despatch timed 4 minutes earlier).

(NSS-081101-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

(Part 2 of 2)

*(Guard Division #67 is Nauru - Ed.).

(X64137 - Naniwa Maru - JTKL ?) departs Wake
the 6th and is scheduled to pass through
following points and arrive Yokosuka June
15th at 0800.

Noon positions:

7th, 20-52 North, 163-51 East.
8th, 22-46 North, 160-45 East.
9th, 24-40 North, 157-35 East.
10th, 26-28 North, 154-20 East.
11th, 28-21 North, 151-04 East.
12th, 30-15 North, 147-48 East.
13th, 32-58 North, 144-25? East.
14th, 33-58 North, 140-55 East.

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Cargo, 168 drums blanks (12 metric tons).

(Heading and system follows timed 4 minutes later).

(NSS-081057-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

(Part 1 of 2)

COMMENT: Comdr Voge has by phone, 0720/08 June.

B - Source of Intelligence

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: NPM FOX
CINCPAC

09/0733 June

PREC: OP

SPERRY WITH COMSUBRON 10 ON BOARD DEPARTED PEARL FOR MIDWAY AND CATO DEPARTED FOR MARE ISLAND X SAURY ARRIVED MIDWAY AFTER NICE PATROL X COMSUBPAC SERIAL 26 K X FOLLOWING IS ULTRA 1 BEECH (FREIGHTER) PROBABLY WITHOUT LEMON (ESCORT VESSEL) BLANK (COURSE UNKNOWN) X BLANK (SPEED UNKNOWN) X MINUS 900 (0300 GCT) X MINUS 5 (10 JUNE) X KYUU 2820 (26 DEGREES 28 MINUTES NORTH, 154 DEGREES 20 MINUTES EAST) ALGAROBIA YBCW 2104 (28 DEGREES 21 MINUTES NORTH, 151 DEGREES 04 MINUTES EAST) JPMH 1548 (30 DEGREES 15 MINUTES NORTH, 147 DEGREES 48 MINUTES EAST) X SCORPION WORK ON THE ABOVE

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Scorpion

Second War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception throughout the patrol was excellent and no difficulty was encountered in copying schedules.

No. C-2

(En route from Midway to assigned area off China Coast on these days - June 2 to June 21. No contact. Ed. Note.)

Case 21

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	No originator	08/1625 June
TO:	RERA 2 (Base Force #4)	JN 25 E 19
	YARA 4 (Air Group #902)	42141
	TASA 4 (2nd Fleet)	
	TEWA 5 (Yokosuka CofS)	
INFO:	MERA 7	
	NITI 0	
	KOKO 1 (Yokosuka Defense Force)	

"From ComCarDiv 2.

ComCarDiv 2 in Hitaka with Ariake (X07161) and (X64080 - Yugure) depart Yokosuka 1400 June 10th. From westward of Okinoyama course 155 speed 22, from 33-55 North,

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140-00 East, course 230 speed (until blank) 18 knots, thence will pass to the westward? of the island chain. From 12-15 North, 142-34 East at 2155 on the 13th course 110; from 0915 North, 150-55 East, course 180. At 0440 on the 15th will proceed via 08-34 North on course 135 speed 22 and enter North Channel at 0900.

Please arrange for anti-submarine patrol at time of sortie from Yokosuka and when entering PT."

NEGAT COMMENT: Code group (50106) translated "Westward" in "Westward of the island chain" cannot be confirmed but looks fairly good. A "ComCarDiv 2 in Hitaka" appears in text as "Car Div 2 (Hitaka)".

(NSS-090247-JUNE-0-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: This info phoned SubPac at 1950 VW/June 8. PT is Truk.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 09/0815 June
TO: ALL SUBS GUARDING
NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

ANOTHER HOT ULTRA COMSUBPAC SERIAL 27 X LARGEST AND NEWEST NIP CARRIER WITH 2 DESTROYERS DEPARTS YOKOSUKA AT 5 HOURS GCT 10 JUNE AND

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CRUISES AT 22 KNOTS ON COURSE 155 DEGREES
UNTIL REACHING 33-55 NORTH 140 EAST WHERE
THEY REDUCE SPEED TO 18 KNOTS AND CHANGE COURSE
TO 230 DEGREES X SALMON AND TRIGGER INTERCEPT
IF POSSIBLE AND WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER X WE
HAVE ADDITIONAL DOPE ON THIS CARRIER FOR THE
BOYS NEAR TRUK WHICH WE HOPE WE WON'T NEED SO
LET US KNOW IF YOU GET HIM X UNKNOWN WHETHER
SPEEDS GIVEN ARE SPEEDS THROUGH THE WATER OR
SPEEDS MADE GOOD X DISTANCE THEY WILL TRAVEL
ON COURSE 230 IS UNKNOWN BUT BELIEVED TO BE
ABOUT 100 MILES

No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: SALMON
TRIGGER

11/0345 June

PREC: OP OP

COMSUBPAC SENDS ULTRA TO SALMON OR TRIGGER X
CONGRATULATIONS TO WHICHEVER OF YOU DID THE
BEAUTIFUL JOB X BOTH NOTE THAT ABOUT HALF THE
NIP NAVY IS NOW ENGAGED IN TRYING TO TOW THE
BIG FLAT TOP BACK TO YOKOSUKA FROM APPROXIMATE
VICINITY 34-14 NORTH 139-52 EAST X IF EITHER
OF YOU ARE IN POSITION TO DO SO THERE MIGHT
STILL BE TIME TO FINISH HER OFF X SHE IS UN-
ABLE NAVIGATE BY HERSELF

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Salmon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was not complete.
The following serials were
missed: 32, 33 and 83.

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No. C-2

June 9

2200 Received instructions to proceed on special mission. Proceeding at high speed to arrive in position tomorrow night.

June 10

2350 Submerged at daylight. OOD reported a large shape on the horizon. Plot showed target acting in a very peculiar manner indicating speed zero.

June 11

0300 Continued to close using radar at 35 feet. Moon had now set and visibility was sketchy. With target range 5,000 yards, sighted what appeared to be a destroyer, radar got a pip at 1900 yards closing, sound reported fast screws. Ordered 170 feet. 0000 periscope and radar depth. Radar has a large pip about 4,000 yards and three small ones. Only one of these is definitely in motion. We had closed sufficiently to see target in improving visibility. We were ready to go in for the kill when after some study of the target and considering its peculiar behavior finally identified the target as Iramba Shima, a small rock resembling a ship in silhouette. A northeast set had carried us close to this rock.

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0330 Surfaced. We were immediately challenged from the vicinity of the rock by a surface craft with blinking light who commenced closing us. Opened out at three engine speed until 0420 when approach of dawn and proximity of the patrol boat made it necessary to dive. Spent the rest of the morning removing the ground from number three main meter.

2000 Surfaced and commenced return to base.

2230 Received information of Trigger attack and proceeded at full speed to scene of attack.

June 12

0230 We were challenged by two boats on our starboard beam. Turned tail and opened out.

0415 Submerged in the vicinity of Trigger attack.

0600 Nothing in sight. Set course to clear area and return to base.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	17
Date	6-11
Time	0012 (K)
Position	33-30N - 139-17E
Type	Patrol boat
Course	Var.
Speed	Var.
Description	Patrol boat or small DD.

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U.S.S. Trigger

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: During patrol while in area,
radio reception was very good.

No. C-5

June 10

- 1924 (K) (19th contact) (5th attack) Lat. 34-13N.
Long. 139-50E. Huge aircraft carrier
with two destroyer A/S screens. Sighted
what was reported as smoke on the
horizon. On the next observation it
showed itself as the island of a huge
aircraft carrier. She was totally un-
like any other Japanese carrier seen;
looked most like the USS SARATOGA except
no mast structure, merely the island
which was big. The destroyers were on
her bows. She was zigzagging radically,
TDC sped 21 kts.
- 1955 (K) Fired 6 bow torpedoes at initial range
of 1200 yards mean track 75 starboard
using speed spread of 1 knot increments.
At the time of firing we were inside the
near screen, this vessel being at the
moment on our port beam distance about
2000 yards, angle on the bow 30 port.
By the time the hits started coming in
which was just as the 6th fish was fired
the angle on the bow of the nearest DD
was almost zero. No time to turn to fire
the stern anywhere. Went deep and stood
by heading for the carrier. The target's
screws had slowed and then stopped. Con-
tinued to head toward the target in order
to confuse the depth charges. We did not,

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- however, have to wait long for their co-ordinated attacks, and they were excellent. As usual they alternated making runs and never wasted a charge.
- 2013 (K) Crackling and popping sound in the direction of the recent target. These were clearly audible through the hull almost as loud as those of June 1st. At the time the co-ordinated depth charge attacks ceased and one destroyer depth charged for awhile and then the other. Probably taking off survivors. However, the attacks were sufficiently persistent to keep us down. The crackling and depth charging continued until 2109.
- 2145 (K) Thought we were getting away so tried to get rid of some water. Screws and depth charges resulted. Then all quiet again.
- 2326 (K) Started up to periscope depth to try to get a look before the quarter moon set. However, had little hope of seeing much because our experience out here is that a quarter moon does not afford sufficient illumination.

June 11

- 0012 (K) Apparently could not see as well as we thought we could. Driven down again. No attack.
- 0244 (K) Surfaced and got away. Nothing in sight. Fifty minutes of battery charge before dawn. During the day we had at least one patrol craft in sight nearly all the time. Due to low battery we were still very much on the defensive. Our time in the area was up so started home. Did not engage in shore bombardment, for our welcome in the area was certainly worn out.

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The carrier, which must have had a displacement of about 25,000 tons, received 4 hits distributed along her length and was stopped immediately. The ultimate result is that, if the target did not eventually sink, tens of millions of yen, months of work, vast quantities of material and equipment and the tie-up of a huge dry-dock will be necessary to convert this wreck into a man o'war. The psychological effect of towing her back to YOKOSUKA must have been tremendous. The foregoing narrative, in the interests of brevity, has not included an account of all of the various small craft encountered. Particularly within a radius of 20 miles of NOJIMA SAKI and near MIYAKE and MICURE SHIMA, at least one patrol or fishing craft was in sight almost continually.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

Attack	V
Time (GCT)	0955
Date 1943	June 10
Location	34-13N -- 139-50E
Number and type of Torpedoes Fired	6 Mk-XIV-3a
Hits	0
Number Sunk (Tonnage)	0
Number Damaged or Prob- ably sunk (Tonnage)	1 - 25,000
Type of Target	CV
Firing Interval	8 Sec.
Was Torpedo Performance Satisfactory	Yes

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D - Verification

No. D-1

FROM: AYO 0
TO: KEN 3
NETIMI
INFO: SORI 3
MOTIKA (CofS Yokosuka
Naval District)
REHI 5
10/1205 June
JN 25 E
33717

"Blank #296.

About blank 18 the Hitaka (X47422) was torpedoed in position bearing 70 degrees distant 17 miles from Chiba and is unable to make way. (X02682 - unident ship depart blank at once and (X56907 - unident ship) cease convoy escort, proceed to scene and carry out sweep against submarine and escort Hitaka (X02265)."

(NSS-101839-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: HYPO translation of this message gives originator date group 102205 June, which appears to be more accurate than NEGAT'S translation, inasmuch as Hitaka was scheduled to depart Yokosuka at 1400 June 10, according NSS 090247.

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"Reference NEGAT 101839. Chiba is not correct. Change to read "17 miles from (X58206 - Irozaki)".

(NSS-101922-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

(Part 2 of 2)

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No. D-2

FROM: TIYO 5 (Combined Fleet) 10/1400 June
TO: ATU 5 (Tokyo or Yokosuka Address) JN 25 E
51776
KENIKO (All Naval Districts)
MENO 7
NEME 9
NOKA 1

From ComCardiv 2.

This division less Hayataka, Yugure (X64080) and Ariake (X07161) departed Yokosuka for Truk.

(NSS-101243-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Hitaka is on schedule as message from Cardiv 2 at 081625 June said she would depart Yokosuka at 1400 the 10th, and gave her course en route Truk. ComSubPacFor previously informed and given this new info at 0120 (-9).

No. D-3

Reference NEGAT'S 101839.

Duplicate copies of AYO Ø despatch reporting torpedoing of Hitaka give following correction.

- (A) Time of origin of despatch is 2205.
- (B) "About blank 18" should be changed to "today at 1832."

(NSS-102012-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

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Case 21 (Cont.)

No. D-4

10/1852 June ✓
JN 183

"At 10/1853 sub sighting in posit 34-15 N,
139-52 E."

HYPO COMMENT: Correlates with attack on
Hitaka at 1853/10. See
Negat's 101839 and 101922.
Also see MAM 110830 SMS #132.

(NFM-110540-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Following is quoted from 2
Negat despatches:

(See NSS 101839 in DTB 10 June Page 134-135).

No. D-5

FROM: SAWIMI (Yokosuka Naval 10/2030 June
District Com- JN 25 E
mander) 48716

TO: NATU 51
SORI 3

INFO: TIYO 5 (Combined Fleet)
NOTU 5 (Hitaka)
NETIMI (In Maizuru Comm Zone
22 May)

KEN 3

Yokosuka Naval District blank order #143.

1. Today at 1852 the Hitaka was torpedoed
in posit bearing 64 degrees distant 17 miles
from (X58206 - Irozeki ?). Blank has been
sent to tow her.

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2. Comdr Yokosuka (Defense Squadron ?) send blank to the spot to carry out anti-submarine patrol.

3. Comdr Tatesima Air Group initiate aerial anti-submarine patrol as soon as possible.

(NSS-112053-JUNE-P-COMB-COPLK)

No. D-6

FROM: YAKI 7 (YARI 9) 11/0700 June
TO: MIO 3 (MIKA 2) JN 25 E 19
(Combined Fleet) 12298
(H)
NEA 8 (NETU 6)
INFO: TAKI 1 (TARI 5) (Yokosuka CofS) (C)
A 7
YUTE 1 (YUMK 5)
TIO 2 (TIKA 8) (11th Air Fleet)
RIMI 3 (RIN 2) (Yokosuka) (C)

"Have started towing. Proceeding at about 2 knots."

(JUNE 11-DI)

GI COMMENT: Same message received in NSS 110211 June (OP).

No. D-7

FROM: YAKI 11/0700 June
TO: MIO 3 (Combined Fleet) JN 25 E
NEA 8 12298
INFO: TAKI 1 (Yokosuka CofS)
YUA 7 (Yokosuka Defense Squadron)
YUTE 1
RIMI 3
TIO 2 (11th Air Fleet)

Commenced towing. Towing speed about 2 knots.

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Case 21, No. D-7 (Cont.)

(NSS-110211-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Hitaka dope given to SubPac at
1322/11 June (-9).

Summary of material so far on this carrier's
mishap shows her hit not far from port
(34-13 N, 139-51(2) E) (exact posit in JN
183 and JN 40 (B). An escort is being
taken from a convoy to tow her back to port.
(See NSS 101839 and 101922, NPM 110540 and
100628).

No. D-8

11/0830 June
JN 40 B
SMS #132

MAM:

"10th/1900 torpedo attack in posit 34/13 N,
139-51 E. Excellent reliability....."

HYPO COMMENT: See NSS 101839 and 101922.
Also NPM 110540.

(NPM-110628-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: NPM above is in JN 183.
Following is text of NSS'S:

(See NSS 101839 in DTB 10 June Page 134-135).

No. D-9

FROM:	MIH 6	11/1530 June
TO:	HEKI 4 (Combined Fleet)	JN 25 B 19
	YUTE 1	28369
	NEA 8	
	HOTE 1 (4th Fleet) (C)	
	MEA 8	

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TEO 3
OTE 5
AMOHO (Sasebo Pers Sect) (A)
INFO: ANA 8

"On 10 June, about the time of completing the anti-submarine depth charging was about 3000 meters away from the Hitaka which mistook me for an enemy sub and opened up with her AA battery, machine guns etc. As a result of machine gun hits 2 killed and 8 wounded several small holes in my hull. Otherwise OK."

(NPM-121240-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. D-10

FROM: MIMI 6 11/1530 June
TO: HEKI 4 (Combined Fleet) 28369
YUTE 1 (2nd Fleet)
NEA 8
HOTE 1 (4th Fleet)
MEA 8
TEO 3
OTE 5 (Combined Fleet)
AMOHO (Sasebo Pers Section)
INFO: ANA 8

"On the evening of the 10th following the Hitaka disaster, this ship had finished depth charge attack and was blank, when, at 1937, at a distance of about 3 kilometers, the Hitaka mistook us for an enemy submarine and opened fire on us with her aircraft guns and machine gun batteries. We suffered hits on blanks and 2 members of the depth charge crew were killed and 5 were slightly wounded. Also, a few small holes were opened in the hull."

(NSS-121745-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Sent out in NPM 121240 June.

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No. D-11

FROM: No originator 12/1053 June
TO: YOFU 3 (2nd Fleet) JN 25 E 19
TUSA 2 17878
MITI ø (Tokyo Movements
Report Office)
KONE 1 (Combined Fleet)
YOMO 3
SAWAMI (Comdr Yokosuka Naval District)
KEMIHA (Comdr Sasebo Naval District)
HANFU (Comdr Kure Naval District)

"From ComCardiv 2.

Cardiv 2 less Hayataka, Ariake and Yugure
arrived Yokosuka."

(NSS-120801-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: NPM 121832 reported the same
exactly.

No. D-12

FROM: Blank originator 12/1053 June
TO: YOFU 3 (2nd Fleet) (B) JN 25 E 19
TUSA 2 17878
MITI ø (Tokyo Movement
Report Office) (C)
KONE 1 (Combined Fleet) (B)
YOMO 3
SAWAMI (Yokosuka Nav Sta Comdr) (A)
KEMI
HANFU (Kure Nav Dist Comdt) (B)

"From ComCardiv 2.

Cardiv 2 less Hayataka, Ariake (07161X)
Yugure (64080X) arrived Yokosuka."

(NPM-121832-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Car Div includes Hitaka!

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No. D-13

Here is a little more sideline talk on the Hitaka episode.

MAM broadcast #132 reported in Hypo 110628 gives torpedo attack in 34-13 N, 139-51 E. This is at 1900 on the 10th. This corresponds to attack on Hitaka. Location is bearing approximately 65 degrees distant 17 miles from Miyakeshima. Therefore code group X58206, identified as a questionable Irozaki in Negat's 101839 and 112053 is Miyakeshima.

(NSS-112258-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Hypo has already reached this conclusion.

No. D-14

FROM: Blank originator 12/1343 June
TO: HIHOE (Navy Department JN 25 E
Secretary) 83881
KENIKO (Secretary all
Naval Districts)
KOMENE (Secretary all
Guard Districts)
1 HAMIO (Military Post Office #1)
25 HAMIO (Military Post Office #25)

"From Captain of Hitaka (X02265).

For the time being, mail addressed to this ship will be sent to Yokosuka Post Office."

(NSS-140027-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Hitaka was towed back to Yokosuka following U.S. sub attack June 10. Mail will probably be sent there for some time.

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No. D-15

FROM: TUE 3 (Heard on 3815 12/1942 June
Kcs) JN 25 E
TO: HESA 9 00057
INFO: KASA 8 (3rd Fleet Unit)
NIRA 1
ENE 4
HIKO 7
NESA 1
1 garbled call

From Commander Striking Force Training Force.

In phase #1 of this force's 14th air training drill change Ryuho to Hosho (Commander, Commanding Officer of the Hosho).

NEGAT COMMENT: Above is undoubtedly due to transfer of Ryuho to CarDiv 2 to replace Hitaka.

(NSS-122313-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. D-16

FROM: TUE 3 12/1942 June
TO: HESA 9 JN 25 E 19
INFO: NIRA 1 00057
ENE 4
HIKO 7
NESA 1
KASA 8

This force's and 14 Airon exercises in Striking Force Comdr's OpOrd blank 1st phase under commander. Change C.O. Ryuho to read C.O. Hosho.

(13-JUNE-43-DI)

GI COMMENT: This further substantiates substitution of Ryuho for Hitaka in CarDiv 2. NSS 122313 carries this same message.

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TOP SECRET ULTRA
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Case 21 (Cont.)

No. D-17

FROM: CTU 17.1.16 (TRIGGER) 11/1430
TO: COMSUBPAC
PREC: URGENT

WE DONE IT 4 HITS FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL HOURS
OF RESOUNDING THANKS FROM RECENT HONOR
GRADUATES JAP DEPTH CHARGE SCHOOL X FINALLY
GOT 50 MINUTES BATTERY CHARGE BEFORE DAWN X
PRESENT POSITION LATITUDE 35 LONGITUDE 143
X 4 FISH REMAIN AFT X UNFORTUNATELY TOO FAR
AWAY TO MAKE RETURN WORTHWHILE X ALSO SANK
8,000 TON HEAVILY LOADED FREIGHTER AND
DAMAGED 7,000 TON MODERATELY LOADED TANKER
X 1 PREMATURE DETONATION MODERATE SEA DEPTH
SETTING 12 FEET ON Q SHIP SIMILAR TO SMALL
FREIGHTER SHALLOW DRAFT LOTS OF ASH CANS
SOUND GEAR ABILITY AND NERVE X TOOK GOOD
SHELLACKING ALSO FROM HIM X 1 MAIN ENGINE
LOWER CRANKSHAFT CONNECTING ROD JOURNAL
BADLY SCORED X GENERALLY EXCELLENT WEATHER
X VISIBILITY VARIABLE FROM EXCELLENT TO POOR
GENERALLY HAZY X TRIGGER'S SERIAL 2 X SERIALS
29 TO 31 WERE MISSED

I N T E R C E P T

Case 22

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: Unknown originator 08/1331 June
TO: TANE 7 JN 25 E 19
KOKO 1 34848
MEWA 0
SAMO 6

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Case 22, No. A-1 (Cont.)

INFO: NAKO (Combined Fleet)
RINE 4
RAFU 1 (4th Fleet)
TEWA 5 (CofS Yokosuka)
RARA 2

"From Commanding Officer (X53022 - Irako).
Info Chief of Staff Combined, 2nd, 4th Fleets,
Chief Yokosuka Transportation Section.

(X13734 - Irako) depart PT June 9th, 1100
(escorted by) X13540 DD (for 150 miles out
of PT).

9th, 1900, 08-35 North, 152-50 East.
10th, 1900, 14-00 North, 153-10 East.
13th, 2000, 29-00 North, 146-55 East.
14th, 1200, 31-30 North, 144-05 East.
15th, 1000, 34-50 North, 139-45 East.

Expect arrive Yokosuka same day at 1300 via
East swept channel."

(NSS-090003-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPE)

GI COMMENT: The above info phoned to SubPac.
The Irako, a tanker, left Sasebo
on May 27 and arrived Truk on
June 3. This ship was mentioned
in a despatch originated on June
2nd by Cine 2nd Fleet as probably
being unavailable to bring food
supplies to Truk for the pros-
pective increase in personnel re-
quiring provision supply at that
place. This is the 2nd appearance
of unident destroyer (X13530) in
our files. In both cases she is
engaged in escorting duties out
of Truk.

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Case 22 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS GUARDING
NFM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PRRC: OP OP OP

09/0856

FOLLOWING ULTRA COMSUBPAC SERIAL 28 MAY
INTEREST SUNFISH IF NOT OTHERWISE ENGAGED
X 1 BEECH (FREIGHTER) AT 10 HOURS GCT 9
JUNE DZDE 3550 (8 DEG 35 MIN NORTH 152
DEG 50 MIN EAST) ALGAROA HQYN 0010 (14
DEG 00 MIN NORTH 153 DEG 10 MIN EAST)
AND HE THEN HEADS FOR DWQE 0055 (29 DEG
00 MIN EAST 146 DEG 55 MIN EAST)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sunfish

Third War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: See VI, Case 13, C-4.

No. C-2

June 10, 11

See VI, Case 13, C-5.

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R.I.P. 344

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Case 22 (Cont.)

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	9
Time	0230 (K)
Date	6-10
Position	11-40N -- 149-31E
Type	Tuna-type patrol vessel leading a catcher type trawler
Course	150T
Speed	8
Remarks	Joined Contact #10 about daybreak.

No.	10
Time	1515 (K)
Date	6-10
Position	11-14N -- 149-50E
Type	(1) Tuna-type pat. (2) Catcher type trawler (3) Small fghtr. or tug (4) KAMIKURA MARU class fghtr. (5) 1500 ton fghtr. (6) Catcher type (7) Tuna-type pat.
Course	180T
Speed	8
Remarks	(6) & (7) were contact #9.

Case 23

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	SURA 6 (SUMI 4)	08/0701 June
	(Base Force #8)	JN 25 E 19
TO:	MORA 8 (MOMI 8)	09737

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Case 23, No. A-1 (Cont.)

INFO: TAE 9 (TAKI 2)
TUNE 5 (TUTE 9)
(Guard for AKI 9)
RESA 6 (REHO 4)
RIMI -

Blanks. Garbled Maru 5200 tons and Mankoo Maru (1503 tons) (X44007) under escort of X-09093 departed Rabaul at 0700 June 8. At 1500 pass St. George Point. Arrive West Entrance Truk at 1300 June 12.

Noon positions 9 June through 11 June:

9 June, 02-24 South, 152-52 East.
10 June, 00-46 North, 152-31 East.
11 June, blank (3-56) North, 152-10 East.

(NPM-081658-JUNE-URGENT-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM: MOTIKA (Chief of Staff 07/1500 June
Yokosuka Naval JN 25 E
District) 19758

TO: NEU 4

INFO: NIKI 5 (4th Fleet)
MENA 2 (Base Force #4)
MUHO 1 (Chichijima Base Force)
HIU 4 (Saipan Base Force #5)
YUNEFU (Vessel)
AA 3
MURA 2 (Garbled)

Convoy #3 blanks [X05571 - unident ship), (X60009 - unident ship) and Fujikawa Maru (X24450), escorted by (X59784 - Otori?) and (X31581 - Subchaser #28)] departed NAA for PT at 1400 on 7th.

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Case 23, No. A-2 (Cont.)

Noon posits (8th to 14th). (All North and East):

8th, 32-20 North, 140-10 East.
9th, 28-37 North, 143-34 East.
10th, 24-54 North, 145-38 East.
11th, 21-12 North, 147-47 East.
12th, 17-27 North, 149-52 East.
13th, 13-48 North, 151-52 East.
14th, 09-40 North, 152-34 East.

At 1800 on 14th, scheduled to pass through
a point 50 miles northwest of point "A".

GI COMMENT: HAA is Yokosuka.
PT is Truk.
Phone to Comdr Voge 0500/08 June.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-I

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
INFO: NPM FOX
CINCPAC
PRRG: OP OP OP

09/0951 June

COMSUBPAC SENDS THIS ULTRA SERIAL 25 TO TUNNY
X ALL TIMES GCT X 2 BRECHES (FREIGHTERS) 1
LEMON (ESCORT VESSEL) AT 3 HOURS 9 JUNE HPDE
3652 (2-24 S. 152-52 E.) ALGAROA NLDE 4631
(0-46 N. 152-31 E.) CSDB 5610 (3-56 N,
152-10 E.) ARRIVE WEST CHANNEL 4 HOURS 12TH X
NOTE THAT LATITUDE FOR 11TH WAS OBTAINED BY
PLOTING BUT OTHER POSITS ARE ACCURATE X SUN-
FISH IS SCHEDULED DEPART AREA 15 NORTH AT SUN-
SET 10 JUNE AND SPEARFISH WILL NOT ARRIVE THAT

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AREA UNTIL ABOUT 16 JUNE X FROM 12-14 JUNE
TUNNY AUTHORIZED USE AREA 15 NORTH IN ORDER
WORK ON FOLLOWING PECAN AT 3 HOURS GCT 10
JUNE LBFX 5438 (24-54 N. 145-38 E.) ALGARORA
MKPH 1247 (21-12 N. 147-47 E.) QXNU 2752
(21-12 N. 149-52 E.) ZCQW 4852 (13-48 N.
151-52 E.) PIDE 4034 (9-40 N. 152-34 E.) X
FLYING FISH HAS THE DOPE ON THIS 1 PARTNER
NORTH AND WHALE ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION NEAR
YOUR AREA.

No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: TUNNY
ALL SUBMARINES
GUARDING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

13/1847 June

PREC: OP OP OP

PECAN MENTIONED BY 090951 MAY BE SOMEWHAT
DELAYED DUE TO ONE HIT BY FLYING FISH X
ULTRA X

REF: ULTRA X ALL TIMES GCT X 2 BEECHES
(FREIGHTERS) 1 LEMON (ESCORT VESSEL)
AT 3 HOURS 9 JUNE HIDE 3652.....

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Tunny

Third War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 4115
kcs and generally good on 12345
except between 2300-2400 Zebra
when some fading was noticed.
(None missed.)

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Case 23 (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 8

Patrolling normal to Truk-Kavieng route on surface 100 miles south of Truk.....

June 9

Conducted submerged patrol off Piaanu Pass.....

June 10

0625 (K) Sighted large tanker bearing 154 T....
Started surface chase....keeping target in sight through #1 periscope (Contact #4)

0730 (K) Target commenced zig zag plan.

0820 (K) Obtained position ahead and dove....

0835 (K) Sighted DD escort, Hibiki class patrolling on starboard bow of target.

0907 (K)Targets original base course was heading to eastward of Truk....

1057 (K) Target out of sight. Too close to Truk for another surface chase.

June 11

0657 (K) Sighted what appeared to be smoke and mast with large starboard angle on bow. Bearing 156 T. Changed course to close. (Contact #5)....

0730 (K) Surfaced and started search at four engine speed....

1346 (K) Surfaced and started end around run to intercept convoy at night, assuming target to be on new base course 10-20 miles to the westward.

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Case 23, No. C-2 (Cont.)

June 12

- 0115 (K) Should have intercepted convoy by this time if assumption had been correct, so changed course for new position ahead for submerged patrol south of Truk.
- 0519 (K) Submerged on original track of convoy, 25 miles from Truk, assuming they might return to track to make prearranged rendezvous.
- 1234 (K) Sighted smoke of convoy passing about 15 miles to the eastward. Unable to close for attack. So another got away. (Contact #6)....
- 1522 (K) One armed trawler, 2 motor sampans and 4 sailing sampans passed close aboard heading south eastward. (Contact #7)
- 1903 (K) Surfaced and set course to pass to the Eastward of Truk to patrol North Pass, having been notified Northern Area was clear and available.
- 2318 (K) Sighted Moen Island....Turned toward for attack but abandoned when identity was established and other islands became visible.

June 13

- 0713 (K) Patrolled submerged off North Pass. Sighted 2 patrol craft leaving Pass,no other activity all day. (Contact #8).
- 1852 (K) Surfaced and closed Nomwin Island in the Hall group....

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Case 21 (Cont.)

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No. 4
Date 6-10
Time 0625 (K)
Position 6-10N -- 150-28E
Description One tanker, two DD's
Remarks Did end around but got sucked in.

No. 5
Date 6-11
Time 0657 (K)
Position 3-56N -- 152-15E
Description Smoke
Remarks Driven down by air screen

No. 6
Date 6-12
Time 1234 (K)
Position 6-41N -- 151-39E
Description ---
Remarks Submerged. Could not close

No. 7
Date 6-12
Time 1522 (K)
Position 6-48N -- 151-44E
Description One armed trawler, two motor sampans, four sailing sampans
Remarks On course 140° from Truk.

No. 8
Date 6-13
Time 0713 (K)
Position 7-47N -- 151-46E
Description 2 patrol boats
Remarks Patrolling off North Pass, Truk.

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Case 23 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Reception of the NPM Fox schedule was complete in all respects.

No. C-5

June 10

- 1035 (K) Conducting surface patrol east of the Volcano Islands (Contact #2) (Attack #1). Sighted masts bearing 351°T., distance 12 miles. Maneuvered on surface to gain position ahead. Base course estimated 150°T.
- 1109 (K) Gained position ahead with enemy bearing 330°T. Submerged and commenced approach.
- 1204 (K) Three freighters with two escorts observed in convoy, base course about 140°T. Freighters in line of bearing with an escort ahead on either flank. Formation was zigzagging by turn movements every ten minutes. Freighter on western flank identified as KANSAI MARU (8610 tons). Other freighters were unidentified class of about 4-5000 tons. KANSAI MARU was chosen as primary target.

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Case 23 (Cont.)

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No.	2
Time	1035 (K)
Date	6-10
Position	24-55N -- 145-36E
Type	Convoy. 1 large two medium freighters. One Chidori T.B. and 1 patrol boat. In line of bearing normal to base course with escort ahead on each flank.
Course	130T
Speed	10.5
Remarks	Attack #1. KANSAI MARU (or similar) 1 hit.

U.S.S. Whale

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-7

Radio Reception: See VI, Case 13, C-1.

No. C-8

June 9-13

See VI, Case 13, C-2.

Case 24

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: MOTIKA (Yokosuka Naval 09/1137 June
Base CofS) (A) JN 25 E 19
TO: MONI 3 (MORA 9) (Surface 17598
Escort Unit 2) (C)
NEMU 8 (NEFU 1) (Chichijima Base
Force) (C)

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Case 24, No. A-1 (Cont.)

NOMU 1 (NOFU 2) (Base Force 5)
SATO Ø (SAE 5) (4th Fleet) (B)

#3609 Convoy departed Yokosuka 1100/9th for
Saipan.

Noon positions:

10th, 32-blank N, 138-18 E.
11th, 29-20 N, 138-43 E.
12th, 26-18 N, 138-17 E.
13th, 23-18 N, 138-blank E.
14th, 20-33 N, 140-13 E.
15th, 17-47 N, 141-36 E.
16th, 15-51 N, 143-20 E.

(NPM-091944-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Phoned to SubPac 100350 (-9)
June. Both blanks above are
estimated at 15 minutes.

No. A-2

FROM: MOTIKA (Chief of Staff 09/1137 June
Yokosuka Naval JN 25 E 19
District) 17598
TO: MONI 3 (Surface Escort
Unit #2)
INFO: SATO Ø (4th Fleet)
NEMU 8 (Chichijima Special Base Force)
NOMU 1 (Saipan Base Force #5)

Schedule of Convoy #3609 (escorted by (X35796
- Myooten Maru?) will be as follows: Departed
NAA for blank base (convoy is heading straight
for Saipan) at 1100 on the 9th.

Noon positions from 10th to 16th:

32-28 N, 138-18 E.
29-20 N, 138-43 E.

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26-16 N, 138-16 E.
23-18 N, 138-32 E.
20-33 N, 140-13 E.
17-47 N, 141-36 E.
15-51 N, 143-40 E.

(NSS-091651-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: This message sent in Hypo
091944 June.
NAA is Yokosuka.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX
CINCPAC

10/0843 June

PREC: OP OP OP

THIS ULTRA GOES TO WHALE COMSUBPAC SERIAL
30 X AT 3 HOURS GCT 15 JUNE PECAN IN
POSITION QKGA 4736 (17-47 N. 141-36 E.)
ALGAROA GWXH 5120 (15-51 N, 143-20 E.) X
SARGO AND WHALE NOTE THAT DEPENDING ON WHAT
THE BOYS AROUND THE EMPIRE DO TODAY WE MAY
HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB FOR YOU ABOUT 13 HOURS
GCT 13 JUNE NEAR CRUK (12 N 142 E) AND ALSO
LATER ON FOR THE TUNNY NEAR TRUK IN CASE HE
IS ABLE TO RUN THE GAUNTLET THAT FAR

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Whale

Fourth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: During this patrol radio reception was good.

No. C-2

June 10-13

En route Midway

June 14

0453 (L) SD radar contact at eight miles closing rapidly. Submerged. Position 180 miles NW of Wake Island.
1930 (L) Surfaced and continued en route Midway.

June 15

(No entry made for this date.
Ed. Note.)

Case 25

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	HAMA 4	09/1430 June
TO:	BUYA 4 (5th Fleet)	JN 25 E
INFO:	RISO 3 (Northern Force)	48141
	TURE 7 (Ominato Chief of Staff)	

"This unit departs Yokosuka at 1400 on 10th.

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Case 25, No. A-1 (Cont.)

Will pass through Kunajiri Channel or Etorofu (?) Strait on the 12th and arrive Paramushiru Strait the evening of 12th. Have 259 men of #30 Pioneer Unit on board."

(NSS-091431-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM: HAMA 4 09/1430 June
TO: RUYA 4 (5th Fleet)(B) JN 25 E 19
RISO 3 (Northern Force)(A) 48114
TURE 7 (Ominato Cofs)(C)

"This unit at 1400 on June 10th departs Yokosuka. On June 12 will pass through either Kunajiri Channel or garbled 27640X Straits. Arrive Horomushiro Straits evening of June 13. 30th Pioneers (259 men) embarked."

HYPO COMMENT: Alternative routes through Kunajiri Channel or X27640 Straits is in the message.

(NPM-101008-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Dope on Horomushiro arrival sent OP to CTF 16 via Cincpac Ultra. Muxed at 1711/10 June (-9). NSS 091431 of this message not as complete. Has him going 600 miles in one day arriving at Paramushiru Strait evening of 12th.

FURTHER GI COMMENT: HAMA 4 identified as DesDiv 10. This new information also sent to ComTask Force 16 via Cincpac Ultra at 1920 (-9), June 10th.

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No. A-3

FROM: HAMA 4 09/1500 June
TO: MIHA 4 (Ominato) (B) JN 25 E 19
RUYA 4 (5th Fleet) (B) -8183
SAYA 8 (Yokosuka Comm
Unit) (B)
SEHA 8 (On 3815-5910 Kcs) (B)
MOHA 5
TASO 4 (Tokyo Comm) (B)

"DesDiv 10 (X12336, X57015 and X52308) left
Yokosuka Radio Zone entered Ominato Radio
Zone."

(NPM-100714-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: DesDiv 10 is listed in Empire
consisting of following ships
(re June 7 weekly summary):
AKIGUMO
KAZAGUMO
YUGUMO

No. A-4

FROM: SUKA 2 (SURE 3) (DesDiv 10/1400 June
10 - probable) JN 25 E 19
TO: ROHI 8 (ROYA 7) (5th 29676
Fleet) (B)
INFO: NTA 7 (NMU 5) (Northern Force) (B)
YORI 5 (YOTO 6) (Ominato Guard
District) (B)
TIYO 5 (TIMA 6) (Ominato Guard
District) (B)
RIN 7 (RII 5) (Combined Fleet) (B)
YOTU 7 (YONI 5)
ATU 5 (ANI 6) (Address Tokyo or
Yokosuka) (B)

"Left Yokosuka for Horomushiro."

TOP SECRET-ULTRA

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Case 25, No. A-4 (Cont.)

HYPO COMMENT: Refer to NPM 101008 and 100714.

(NPM-110116-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

CI COMMENT: NPM 101008 reads as follows:

"This unit at 1400 on June 10th
departs Yokosuka. On June 12
will pass through either Kunajiri
Channel or garbled 27640X Straits.
Arrive Horomushiro Straits evening
of June 13. 30th Pioneers (259
men) embarked."

HYPO COMMENT: Alternative routes through
Kunajiri Channel or X27640
Straits is in the message.

NPM 100714 reads as follows:

DesDiv 10 (X12336, X57015 and X52308)
left Yokosuka Radio Zone entered
Ominato Radio Zone."

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: CINCPAC
TO: CTF 16

10/0857 June

PREC: OP

ENEMY UNIT WHICH DEPARTED YOKOSUKA 14 HOURS
JUNE 10TH WILL ARRIVE HOROMUSHIRO STRAITS
EVENING OF JUNE 13 X THIS IS ULTRA X THIS
UNIT HAS EMBARKED 259 MEN OF THE 30TH
PIONEERS X TIMES AND DATES ARE -9 (TOKYO)

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Case 25 (Cont.)

No. B-2

FROM: CINCPAC
TO: CTF 16

10/1031 June

PREC: OP

ENEMY UNIT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED X THIS IS
ULTRA X AS DEPARTED YOKOSUKA 1400 (-9)
JUNE 10 NOW IDENTIFIED AS DESDIV 10
CONSISTING OF 3 DESTROYERS

No. B-3

FROM: CTC 16.5
TO: S-33
SALT LAKE TO 16.5

10/1330

PREC: URGENT

ULTRA X MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COVER YOMUSHIRO AND
ADJACENT STRAITS JUNE 12-13W (PLUS 10) X EXPECT
ARRIVAL LOAD NIP SEABEES FROM HONSHU 3 X TO S
30 X WATCH FOR THIS OUTFIT VICINITY OHEKOBNUHWUR
AREA BEGINNING EARLY MORNING 12TH W (PLUS 10)
X MAY STOP MUSHASHIWAN IF WEATHER BAD ON EAST
COAST X YOU WILL BE IN POSITION TO CLEAR AREA
WHEN READY X GIVE EARLY ETA 165 TO LET STEVE
IN WHEN YOU ARE CLEAR

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. S-33

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: During the trip to the patrol
area, static was consistently heavy
on the low frequency Fox schedules.
Two serials were missed: ComTask-
Group 16.5 William series on 14 or
15 June and George series on 21 or
22 June.

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Case 25 (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 11

0335 (Y) Submerged for trim dive.
0415 (Y) Surfaced.
1130 (Y) Entered area.

June 12

0608 (Y) Submerged.....Too rough to hold
periscope depth and last the day out
so commenced cruising at 90 feet with
periodic sweeps at periscope depth....

June 13

0513 (Y) Sighted Torishima Rocks through rain
and mist of the storm about 10,000
yards west.
0515 (Y) Submerged. Too rough for periscope
depth.....
2145 (Y) Surfaced.
2211 (Y)It is still light but visibility
is poor.

June 14

0358 (Y) Sighted small patrol craft. Submerged.
Vessel was never seen after diving,
nor were propellers heard.....
0757 (Y) Sighted patrol vessel similar to our
110 foot submarine chasers. He was
soon lost in the mist.

U.S.S. S-30

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Reception was satisfactory
throughout the patrol. One serial
was missed "N" series, due to
being submerged until 0330 on
June 6th.

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Case 25 (Cont.)

No. C-4

June 13

- 0400 (W) Surfaced on eastern side of ONEKOTAN
KAIKYO. Plan to conduct submerged
patrol in MUSASHI WAN this morning
and then clear area this afternoon.
- 0723 (W) Dived.
- 0823 (W) Sighted 5000 ton merchantman bearing
350°T distance 7000 yards. Went to
battle stations.
- 0842 (W) Fired three torpedoes, 85° port track,
11 second firing interval, straight
longitudinal spread, using 5 yds.
forward of bow, amidships, and sterns,
as the points of aim, and range of
700 yards. All missed. Target did
not change course but speeded up after
first torpedo was fired.
- 0852 (W) Secured from battle stations. Com-
menced to clear area to the eastward.
MUSASHI WAN is now obscured in fog.
Decided to abandon the reconnaissance
of MUSASHI WAN. That area will
probably be on the alert since the
attack this morning. Both bow and
stern planes have become exceedingly
noisy.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

Date	6-13
Time	0830 (W)
Course	090°T
Speed	11
Position	49-46N -- 155-28E
Description	Japanese Merchantman, 5000 tons, most like KIMISIMA MARU type, listed in O.N.I. 208-J page 118.

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Case 26

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: ROWANE (Katori Maru) 10/0600 June
(A) JN 25 E-19
TO: UTU 9 (UNI 4) (Base 15195
Force #6) (B)
INFO: ANO 2 (ASO 3) (Imieji
Air Base) (B)
NAYO 7 (NAMA 5) (AirFlot #22) (B)
OYUTO (2nd Branch South Eastern
Area) (A)
SUNO 4 (SUSO 8)
REYO 7 (REMA 5)

"Depart(ed) PM blank. Several blanks. Speed
8 knots.

Scheduled to arrive at R Blank B at about 1200
(-9) on the 12th (June).

HYPO COMMENT: Appears that ship is departing
or has departed Taroa for
Tarawa.

(NPM-101352-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

CI COMMENT: Above info phoned to ComSubPacFor
2200 (-9) June 10.
Plot indicates that at speed of 8
knots this ship would have left
Taroa at approximately 0230/10th.
There were 2 Katori Maru's. 1 of
9800 tons has been sunk; the other
is 1920 tons.

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Case 26 (Cont.)

No. A-2

FROM: ROWANE (Katori Maru)(A) 10/0600 June
TO: UTU 9 (Base Force #6)(B) JN 25 E 19
INFO: ANO 2 (Imieji Air Base)(B)
NAYO 7 (Air Flot 22)(B)
OYUTO (2nd Branch South
Eastern Area)(A)
SUNO 4
REYO 7

"Depart(ed) PM blank. Several blanks. Speed 8 knots. Scheduled to arrive at R blank B at about 1200 (-9) on the 12th (June).

HYPO COMMENT: Appears that ship is departing or has departed Taroa for Tarawa.

GZ COMMENT: If this gent holds JN 25 E he is not a 1920 ton Maru unless he is an armed gunboat or escort vessel.

(NFM-101352-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Above info phoned to ComSubPacFor 2200 (-9) June 10.

Plot indicates that at speed of 8 knots this ship would have left Taroa at approximately 0230/10th. There were 2 Katori Marus. 1 of 9800 tons has been sunk; the other is 1920 tons.

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Case 26 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS GUARDING
INFO: NPM FOX
CINCPAC
PREC: PRIORITY

10/1422 June

THIS ULTRA FOR POLLACK USE IF POSSIBLE X
COMSUBPAC SERIAL 33 X PAGE 255 POPCORN DE-
PARTED DZUR 4314 (8-43 N 171-14 E) COURSE
BLANK SPEED 8 KNOTS TIME 1730 DATE 9TH X
ARRIVES AT DQOM 3000 (01-30 N. 173-00 E)
0300 GCT ON 12TH JUNE

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pollack

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was not complete.
During the month of May ComSub-
Pac serials 46, 72, and 83 were
missed. NPM Fox schedules were
received completely, and mes-
sages to all submarines were de-
coded as usual on the dates which
these serials should have been
received.

No. C-2

June 9

Patrolled off Ailinglaplap Atoll on
Jaluit-Kwajalein route.

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June 10

Returned to the East Point of Jaluit;
and due to squally weather, arrived at
patrol boat junction before we were
able to fix our position. Finally
shook them; but sighted planes during
the afternoon which kept us down at
120 feet part of the time.

June 11

0853 (L) Patrolled off North Point of Jaluit.
Made battle surface on small schooner
on a northwesterly course. Found it
to be manned by five native and not
of sufficient size to be of any value;
so decided not to sink it.

June 12

1817 (L) Patrolled southeast of Southeast Pass
on Jaluit-Makin line
Surfaced and headed for Wotje.

June 13

0138 (L) Received change of orders from ComSubPac
and headed south.

Case 27

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	MAN 6 (Defense Force 6 at Wake)	10/0442 June JN 25 E
TO:	UTU 9 (Base Force 6 Kwajalein)	68666

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Case 27. No. A-1 (Cont.)

INFO: HOHO 2 (garbled)
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
NSENI (Chief of Trans. Section)
MOTIKA (Yokosuka Naval District CofS)
NAHI 2 (4th Fleet)
TURI 0 (Surface escort unit #2)
KUHATU (Yokosuka District Trans. Office)
HONUSU (Kwajalein area Trans Section)
NOSOJO 1 (2nd Escort Force Unit)
NAYO 7 (Air Flot 22)
SURI 9 (Air Unit)

Yamakuni Maru (escorted by Subchaser 32 and #3
(?) Kyoo Maru) depart Wake at 1500, 10 June
arrival Mellu Channel 1230 on 13th after passing
thru following points: (all north and east)

10th at 1900 18-39 N, 166-13 E.
11th at 1200 16-12 N, 167-14 E.
12th at 1200 12-38 N, 168-43 E.
12th at 1800 11-50 N, 169-04 E.
13th at 1200 09-26 N, 167-30 E.

(NSS-110126-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Posits given to SubPac at
1335/11 June (-9).

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 11/0619 June
TO: ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: OP OP

ULTRA X FOR SPEARFISH GOES COMSUBPAC ULTRA
SERIAL 38 WITH SHADRON AS ALTERNATE X ONE

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Case 27. No. B-1 (Cont.)

MAPLE (TYPE UNKNOWN) TWO LEMONS (ESCORT
VESSELS) ENROUTE WAKE TO KWAJALEIN NOON
POSIT 11TH 16-12 NORTH 167-14 EAST ALGAROA
12-38 NORTH 168-43 EAST 09-26 NORTH 167-30
EAST WITH ADDITIONAL 1800 POSITION ON 12TH
AT 11-50 NORTH 169-04 EAST X DUE TO ENTER
MELLU CHANNEL JUST SOUTHWEST OF ROI ISLAND
1220 13TH ALL TIMES MINUS 9

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: The reception was good at all
times.

No. C-2

June 12

1241 (L) Arrived at Lat. 12-38N., Long. 168-43,
patrolled east and west courses.

June 14

2015 (L) Departed area seventeen.

U.S.S. Seadragon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: NPM For Schedules were received
with no difficulty.

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Case 27 (Cont.)

No. C-4

June 11

- 0506 (L) Dived. Stood in to close BEA PASS.
1244 (L) Sighted single float monoplane over
KWAJALEIN ISLAND.
1330 (L) Sighted trawler on course 120°.
1350 (L) Sighted trawler and three patrol
boats standing out of SOUTH PASS.
1405 (L) One of the freighters anchored off
KWAJALEIN ISLAND, underway and
standing up toward GEA PASS. Com-
menced closing GEA PASS at full speed
to be in position for attack.
1430 (L) Freighter had come thru SOUTH PASS and
turned southeast running close to reef.
Unable to make an attack as angle on
the bow was 165°, range 7000 yards and
opening. We were caught flat footed
on this one as it was not believed that
ships of this size used SOUTH PASS. A
very close patrol of GEA and SOUTH PASS
was maintained by two trawlers and
three small patrol boats plus planes.
All five escorts accompanied ship as
far as S.E. tip of KWAJALEIN ISLAND.
The three smaller escorts returned to
SOUTH PASS, while the two trawlers were
still in company with the freighter as
it passed out of sight behind KWAJALEIN
ISLAND. Freighter was out of sight by
the time we got clear of KWAJALEIN
ISLAND. Estimated speed, 12 knots,
freighter was a MKRH motorship of
about 4000 tons.
1905 (L) Surfaced. No attempt was made to chase
the freighter because of uncertainty as
to his course and lack of fuel for such
a long chase, due to his four hour lead
on us.

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Case 27. No. C-4 (Cont.)

June 12

- 0503 (L) Dived off EBADON ISLAND. Spent morning off EBADON ISLAND and then headed up towards ROI ISLAND.
- 1916 (L) Surfaced.

June 13

- 1450 (L) Contact #6. Attack #1. Sighted masts of ship zigzagging on base course 220°. Commenced approach. Ship identified as similar to HIROKAWA MARU, in light condition accompanied by two trawlers as escorts, one patrolling ahead, the other trailing, and air coverage of one twin float monoplane.
- 1526 (L) Fired four torpedoes from bow tubes, track 1058, range 1500 yards, using longitudinal spread white light method, two at MCT, one at bow, one at stern. After firing second torpedo, bomb exploded close aboard on starboard quarter. (Forgot to keep track of the plane.)
- 1527 (L) Two hits amidships. Third and fourth shots missed. Large cloud of black smoke amidships on port side.
- 1530 (L) Ship stopped, low in water with a large list to port. One escort heading for our position. Upon swinging periscope aft picked up what appeared to be a torpedo boat or small destroyer, very close and heading right at us. Went deep and rigged for depth charge. This newcomer evidently came out from KWAJALEIN as he was not part of the freighter's escort. Last look at freighter showed the stern almost under.

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June 14

0442 (L) Dived. Commenced closing ROI ISLAND to examine anchorage. During the day examined anchorages off KWAJALEIN and ROI ISLANDS for any sign of our freighter. In the ROI anchorage there were several patrol craft and at KWAJALEIN the only ships there were the ones that had been anchored since first sighting of June 10. It is believed that this definitely established the fact that the freighter attacked, sunk.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	6
Date	6-13
Time	1450 (L)
Position	7-30N -- 167-30E
Type	MXFKM Freighter
Course	220°
Speed	13.5
Remarks	Identified as similar to HIROKAWA MARU. Two hits.

Case 28

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	HONUSU (Kwajalein Area Transportation Section)	10/0815 June JN 25 E 61295
TO:	UTO 9 (Base Force 6)	

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Case 28, No. A-1 (Cont.)

INFO: TUEKE (1st Naval General Staff)
YANO 0 (Naval Transportation
Section)
HOTU 2 (Yokosuka CoFS)
HIRI 9 (Chichijima Base Force)
TIRI 0 (Surface Escort Unit 2)
YUKA 8 (4th Fleet)

(NSS-101922-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

"(X07221--unident ship) departed Kwajalein
at 0600 on the 10th. Expect to arrive at
Yokosuka 0800/20th.

Noon positions:

10th, 09-08 N, 166-48 E.
11th, 10-20 N, 163-08 E.
12th, 11-32 N, 159-30 E.
13th, 14-28 N, 156-53 E.
14th, 17-23 N, 154-27 E.
15th, 20-20 N, 151-38 E.
16th, 23-20 N, 149-00 E.
17th, 26-32 N, 145-35 E.
18th, 29-40 N, 144-07 E.
19th, 32-40 N, 141-40 E.

(NSS-101916-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM: KARE 7 09/0935 June
TO: MONI 3 (Surface Escort JN 25 K
Unit #2) 89285
UHA 3 (4th Fleet)
TAYA 7 (Kure Chief of Staff)
INFO: TIUNI (Commander Palao Area Branch
Escort Unit #2)
NOMU 1 (Saipan Base Force #5)

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KOSO 3 (Southeast Area and 8th
Fleets)
ROHA 5 (Imperial Headquarters
Navy Section)
HISO 0 (Yokosuka Chief of Staff)
ITO 8 (Combined Fleet)
NEMU 8 (Chichijima Special Base
Force)
NKA 2

"1. O Number blank convoy ('A' vessels
Dakar Maru, Toohoo Maru, (X56646), Chinsei
Maru, (X60537--unident Maru) and 'B' vessel
(X13236--Unident maru) departed Kobe at
0900. Will pass through the following
points and arrive PP at 1500 on the 17th.

(NSS-101857-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK) (part 2 of 2)
(NSS-101951-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK) (part 1 of 2)

A, 29-34 N, 134-00 E.
B, 22(?) -00 N, 134-00 E.
C, 16-00 N, 132-00 E.
D, 11-00 N, 132-00 E.

After fueling, the Chinsei (?) Maru will
proceed to RR, speed 9.5 knots. Have the
(X45156--unident ship) escort her as far
as PP and the (X07461--unident ship) to
29 N.

2. Noon positions from 10th through 17th:
10th, 30-00 N, 133-45 E.
11th, 26-45 N, 134-00 E.
12th, 23-20 N, 133-50 E.
13th, 20-05 N, 133-00 E.

NEGAT COMMENT: Must be something wrong with
this "29 degrees". Remaining
noon positions in part 2 which
we have not received.

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(NSS-101857-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK) (Part 1 of 2)
(NSS-101901-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK) (Part 2 of 2)

GI COMMENT: PP - Palao
RR - Rabaul

No. A-3

FROM: KARE 7 (Khee address) 09/0953 June
TO: MONI 3 (2nd Surface JN 25 E
Escort Unit) 29420
UHA 3 (4th Fleet)
TAYA 7 (CofS Kure)
INFO: KOSO 3 (8th Fleet)
ROHA 5 (1st Section Naval
General Staff)
TIUNI (Palao Section #2
Escort Unit)
NOMU 2
KOMU 9 (CofS Yokosuka)
ITO 8 (Combined Fleet)
NEMU 8 (Chichijima Base Force)
NYA 2

(This is the 2nd part of KARE 7 (Khee address)
despatch which had a first part aired by
Opnav in 101901).

"No dates mentioned but believe posits for
noon 14, 15 and 16 June.

Positions 16-50 N, 132-10 E. Next 13-30 N,
132-00 E. Then 10-20 N, 132-35 E. Then
arrive ? Palao blank on 17 June ?. The rest
appears to do with cargo.

(T2W-110220-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Given to SubPac by phone.

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NSS 101857 read as follows:

(See NSS 101857/101951 in DTB 10 June 43
page 70-71).

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSURPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
HPM FOX

11/0743 June

PREC: OP OP

SERIAL 34 IS ULTRA X 1 TYPE UNKNOWN PROBABLY
WITHOUT ESCORT VESSEL AT 3 HOURS GCT 11 JUNE
YKUL 2008 (10-20 NORTH 163-08 EAST) ALGAROBA
MMBW 3230 (11-32 NORTH 159-30 EAST) HQZP 2853
(11-28 NORTH 156-53 EAST) X SUNFISH INTERCEPT
IF POSSIBLE AND LET US KNOW IF YOU GET HIM X
ALSO NOTE THAT SPEARFISH DEPARTED JOHNSTON
ISLAND 8 JUNE STEERING RUMBLINE TO 13 NORTH
160 EAST X WHALE SARGO AND TUNNY CANCEL THAT
PART MY 100843 CONCERNING IMPORTANT JOB X 1
OF OUR BOYS UP NORTH STOLE THE JOB FROM YOU X
FINBACK AND HOB CAN WORK ON FOLLOWING BUT
WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER X 5 SHIP CONVOY IN-
CLUDING 185 POPCORN WILL ARRIVE PALAO 6 HOURS
GCT JUNE 17 X AT 3 HOURS GCT 15 JUNE ZGEL
3000 (13-30 NORTH ALGAROBA YKEL (10-20 NORTH
132-00 EAST) X HOWEVER BELIEVE THIS OUTFIT
WILL PASS THROUGH MMEL (32 NORTH 132 EAST)
WHILE ENROUTE BETWEEN 2 POSITS GIVEN ABOVE

REF:.....WE MAY HAVE AN IMPORTANT JOB FOR
YOU ABOUT 13 HOURS GCT 13 JUNE
NEAR CRUX (12N142E) AND ALSO LATER
ON FOR TUNNY NEAR TRUK.....

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No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
INFO: HPM FOX
CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

11/1817

COMSUBPAC SENDS ULTRA TO SUNFISH I HEAD FOR
HOME AND ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION ON MY SERIAL
34 ENROUTE I FOLLOWING ARE POSITS IN CASE
YOU MISSED MESSAGE AT 3 HOURS GCT 11TH YKUX
2008 (10-20N, 163-05E.) ALGAROA MICH 3230
(11-32 N. 159-30 E.) HQXP 2853 (14-28 N.
156-53 E.) OKUU 2327 (17-23 N. 154-27 E.)
I DO NOT WAIT FOR SERIAL 25

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sunfish

Third War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio communications were
satisfactory and all serials
were received.

No. C-2

June 11

See VI, Case 13, C-5.

June 12

0105 (K) See SUNFISH Serial one to ComSubPac
explaining reason for late departure,
results to date, fuel on hand and
suggesting additional 2 day patrol
in vicinity.
0500 Cleared Area.

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Case 28, No. C-2 (Cont.)

June 13

0429 (K) Dived.
0850 Surfaced.
0912 Sighted large unidentified bi-plane,
5 miles headed in our direction.
Dived. Not contacted on SD radar.
(Air Contact #11)
1340 Surfaced.

June 14-16

Enroute Pearl Harbor on surface.

U.S.S. Finback

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet
serial 72 (May) and 23 (June) were
missed. These were not requested as
they did not concern us.

No. C-4

June 15

1938 (I) Patrolled on surface on Empire-Palau trade
lanes. Sighted ship at estimated range of
16,000 yards. SJ radar unable to pick up
target which appeared to be large.
1945 (I) Dived to 40 feet. Target was zig zagging,
unescorted, making 17 knots or more. As
radar seemed to be still ... of adjustment,
went to 60 feet. Was able to see ship and
get approximate angles on bow at ranges up
to 6,000 yards. Sound got a range of 3,300
yards just prior to firing. - At

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- 2029 (I) Fired three torpedo spread from stern tubes at range of 3,500 yards, track of 90° starboard, and gyro angle of 191°. No hits. The target zigged away at this time. The first torpedo was tracked out running straight for about 2,000 yards and then it gradually drew around to the right. When sound reported the torpedo screws bearing 243° relative and getting louder, went to 140 feet to avoid torpedo. While passing 100 feet, a torpedo explosion was heard at an estimated range of 1,000 yards. A second torpedo explosion followed in about thirty five seconds at about the same range. The time of run of these torpedoes indicated they had reached the end of their run. This poor performance as regards hits is attributed to the following: (a) poor torpedo performance. (b) Too great a firing range. (c) Firing torpedo on a "knuckle." (d) Disadvantage of having only torpedoes aft. - At
- 2059 (I) Surfaced and tried to reestablish contact. As no other boat was in position to intercept this fast target, decided not to use fuel on a long, high speed, and probable fruitless search - at
- 2300 (I) Cleared message to Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet reporting we were heading for Australia. Received Roger on following Fox Schedule.

June 16-17

Enroute Western Australia on surface via Djailolo Passes conducting daily drills.

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Case 28 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-5

Radio Reception: Reception was complete.

No. C-6

June 12

Patrolled, submerged during daylight off Anguar Island and south of Malakal Harbor. Sighted one sampan, one patrol boat and one patrol plane during day.
1944 (KI) Surfaced and proceeded to eastern edge of area to intercept convoy reported by GREENLING. Took station at convoys estimated 1000 position tomorrow.

June 14

Patrolled submerged during daylight.
1014 (KI) Decided to shift station to a point fourteen miles south. Surfaced.
1103 (KI) Submerged to 100 feet.
1140 (KI) Heard three explosions, not close. We had just completed our first periscope search at 65 feet and were coming up to 60 feet. Took a quick look around and could see no ship. Went down to 150 feet.
1230 (KI) Started up to 65 feet and on reaching 80 feet heard three more explosions much closer this time. These explosions were definitely not depth charges so decided they were light aircraft bombs and that we had been spotted from the air while shifting station from 1014 to 1103. Returned to 150 feet, no sound of propellers.

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June 15

0103 (KI) Lat. $60^{\circ} 32'N$, Long. $134^{\circ} 51'E$. Made radar contact. Radar pips indicated one ship with two escorts at 13700 yds. Headed for target at 17 knots.

0138 (KI) In position for shot with favorable track and small gyro angles at 3100 yds. range. Made decision to fire in spite of unfavorable range so fired three torpedoes with $1\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ divergent spread. One hit. This was believed to be an influence hit as target was unloaded. Time of torpedo run two minutes ten seconds. We were forced deep by one of our own torpedoes which ran circular and therefore could not observe final results. Both escorts commenced searching and dropping depth charges shortly after torpedo hit. We were not located by the escorts at any time, although they searched for about three hours. Target propellers were heard to stop when the torpedo hit and were never heard afterward, although both escorts could be heard plainly. Cracking noises could be heard in the direction of the target for about forty minutes. In addition it was believed the AK sank since both escorts searched for about three hours. Had she been afloat she would have been unguarded during this time when the escorts had no idea of our whereabouts.

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Case 28 (Cont.)

No. C-7

Description of Contact

No.	4
Date	6-15
Time	0103 (KI)
Position	60 32N -- 134-51E
Type	1 freighter 2 Escort vessels
Course	275°
Speed	10
Remarks	Freighter Chile Maru class. Escort vessels were similar to Br. vessels of same class

Case 29

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	Unknown Originator	08/1331 June
TO:	TANE 7	JN 25 E 19
	KOKO 1 (Yokosuka	34848
	Defense Squadron)	
	MEWA 0 (Saipan Base Force #5)	
	SAMO 6 (Chichijima Special Base Force)	
INFO:	NAKO (Combined Fleet)	
	RINE 4	
	RAFU 1 (4th Fleet)	
	TEWA 5 (CofS Yokosuka)	
	RARA 2	

"From Commanding Officer (X53022-Irako). Info
Chief of Staff Combined, 2nd, 4th Fleets, Chief
Yokosuka Transportation Section. (X13734 Irako)
depart PT June 9th, 1100 (escorted by) X13530 DD
(for 150 miles out of PT).

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Case 29, No. A-1 (Cont.)

9th, 1900, 08-35 North, 152-50 East.
10th, 1900, 14-00 North, 153-10 East.
13th, 2000, 29-00 North, 146-55 East.
14th, 1200, 31-30 North, 144-05 East.
15th, 1000, 34-50 North, 139-45 East.

Expect arrive Yokosuka same day at 1300 via East swept channel.

(NSS-090003-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: The above info phoned to SubPac. The Irako, a tanker, left Sasebo on May 27 and arrived Truk on June 3. This ship was mentioned in a despatch originated on June 2nd by CinC 2nd Fleet as probably being unavailable to bring food supplies to Truk for the prospective increase in personnel requiring provision supply at that place. This is the 2nd appearance of unident destroyer (X13530) in our files. In both cases she is engaged in escorting duties out of Truk.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 11/0923 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA SERIAL 37 P X SCORPION CAN WORK ON THIS
LARGE BEECH* BLANK BLANK MINUS 100 X MINUS 2 X
29-00 NORTH 151-55 EAST POSITION 16 HOURS LATER
31-30 NORTH 144-05 EAST X NOTE THAT TINOSA NOW
HEADING HOME ALONG STANDARD ROUTE FROM AREA 7

* FREIGHTER

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1 December 1945

Case 29 (Cont.)

C -- Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Scorpion

Second War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception throughout the patrol was excellent and no difficulty was encountered in copying schedules.

No. C-2

(Enroute from Midway to its assigned area from off the China Coast June 2-21. Ed. Note.)

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Case 30

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: OSO 7 (Surface 10/1600 June
Escort Unit JN 25 E 19
#1) 85131
TO: TIUNI (Comdr. Palao
Area Branch Escort Unit #2)
INFO: METU 7
MANO 4 (Combined Fleet)
TURI 5
ERI 2 (Naval Minister)
URI 1 (Chief of Naval General Staff)
TUEKE (1st Section, Naval General
Staff)
TUTA 6 (4th Fleet)

#3 Tonan Maru departed PT for ES ? via PP at
1500, 10th.

At 1100, 15th enter PP from southward of Angaur
Island after which expect to unload 5,000 tons
fuel and 300 blank gasoline.

Part 1.

Noon posits 11th to 14th inclusive:

06-30 North, 149-42 East.
06-21 North, 144-42 East.
06-27 North, 140-43 East.
06-45 North, 136-42 East.

Routing: From south entrance of Truk to Shukku ?
Island to Yorupikku Island ? passing
south side of Angaur Island. Arrive
off Palau 0900, 15th.

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Case 30, No. A-1 (Cont.)

NEGAT COMMENT: In addition to being badly garbled this message is badly drafted. With exception of longitude 140-43, longitudes result from shakily cleared groups.

(NSS-110653-JUNE-0-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: PT - Truk
PP - Palau
ES - Singapore
Yorupikku Island 6-41 N, 143-05 E
Angaur Island - 7-30 N, 135-45 E
Shukku Island - (Pulusak Is.)
6-42 N, 149-19 E
Phoned to subs at 1750/11th (-9)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

11/0956 June

PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA SERIAL 39 OFFERS HOE 280 POPCORN IN ADDITION TO THE PECAN OF SERIAL 34 X LARGEST BIRCH (TANKER) THE NIPS OWN PROBABLY NEARLY EMPTY ENROUTE TRUK TO SINGAPORE VIA PALAU X NOON POSITS 12TH JGBV 2142 (6-21 N 144-42 E) ALGARROBA JGES 2743 (6-27 N 140-43 E)

JGMT 4542 (6-45 N 136-42 E)X ARRIVES OFF ANGAUR ISLAND ABOUT 0900 15TH AND ENTERS PALAU 1100 THAT DATE X ALL TIMES -9X SARGO NOTE AND INTERCEPT IS NOT BUSY ELSEWHERE X

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R.I.P. 344

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Case 30 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 12-15

(See VI, Case 28, C-6).

U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Radio reception of NPM Fox was excellent and complete.

No. C-4

June 12

0535 (L)	Sighted EAURAPIK IS. bearing 145° T, distance 10 miles.
2110 (K)	Sighted tanker in bright moonlight, bearing 122° T., range 20,000 yds. Commenced tracking and approach.
2351 (K)	Target turned away sharply when torpedoes exploded at end of run.

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Case 30 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hca

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 12-15

(See VI, Case 28, -C-6).

U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Radio reception of NFM Fox was excellent and complete.

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exploded at end of run.

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Case 30 (Cont.)

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	1
Date	6/12
Time	2110 (K)
Position	6-25 N, 143-08 E
Type	AO - 19,400 - 535'
Speed	13(-) 88
Course	272°T
Mast Ht.	130'
Draft	16
Range	19000
Bearing	122°T
Description	TONAN MARU

Case 31

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	RON	9	10/1908 June
TO:	OYO	7 (#1 Surface Escort Unit)	42553
	UTU	2	
INFO:	YANO	0 (Naval Transportation Section)	
	SETU	2 (Kure Chief of Staff)	
	RIRI	7 (Imperial Headquarters Naval Section)	
	FUHI	7 (Takao Guard District)	
	YANO	0	
	KAN	3 (#2 China Fleet)	
	NITA	9 (Shanghai Comm Unit or Base Force)	
	MISORA	(Bako Guard Force)	
	MUHI	9	
	SETU	2 (Kure Chief of Staff)	
	HANO	7	

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Case 31, No. A-1 (Cont.)

SATU	4	(Combined Fleet)
TOYUKA		(Keelung Resident Naval Officer)
ITU	2	
KAN	5	(Sasebo Comm Unit)
RIYO	3	

Blanks convoy, 8 vessels escorted by (X 04608-unident ship), will depart at 1000 on the 11th. Scheduled to arrive at 1030 on the 17th. Speed 7 knots. Heian Maru (JJPk), with two blank aboard. Kashu Maru (JOUR). Tencho Maru (JHGA). Horal Maru (JIGD). Blank Maru (J blank blank C) bound for Moji, Kizan Maru (JLIM) bound for Kobe. Shokei Maru (JLHM). Blank Maru (JBCS) for Sasebo.

(NSS-111423-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

Noon positions: 11th, 22-49 North, 120-09 East.
12th, 25-10 North, 120-44 East.
13th, 27-12 North, 122-28 East.
14th, 29-07 North, 124-26 East.
15th, 31-03 North, 126-25 East.
16th, 32-58 North, blank blank.
(All positions North and East.

Blanks will leave the convoy at 0800 on the 16th in position bearing 270 degrees, distant 30 miles from (X 06336) and arrive Sasebo at 2000.

(NSS-111443-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Dates for positions not included in NSS dispatch supplied by deduction and PLOT.

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Case 31 (Cont.)

No. A-2

FROM: YAKI (Unident) 11/0700 June
TO: MIO 3 (Combined JN 25 E
Fleet) 12298
INFO: NEA 8 (Unident)
TAKI 1 (Yokosuka CofS)
YUA 7 (Yokosuka Defense Squadron)
YUTE 1 (Unident)
RIMI 3 (Unident)
TIO 2 (11th Air Fleet)

Commenced towing. Towing speed about 2 knots.

(NSS-110211-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK).

GI COMMENT: Hitaka dope given to SubPac at
1322/11 June (-9)

Summary of material so far on this carrier's
mishap shows her hit not far from port (34-13 N,
139-51 (2) E) (exact posit in JN 183 and J 40B).
An escort is being taken from a convoy to tow
her back to port. (See NSS 101839 and 101922,
NPM 110540 and 100628).

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 11/1846 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX

PREC: OP OP OP

SEAWOLF CAN WORK THIS ULTRA FROM COMSUBPAC
SERIAL 40 X 8 SHIP CONVOY INCLUDING SOME
BIG ONES X AT 3 HOURS GCT 11 JUNE NDRE 4909
(22-40 NORTH 120-09 EAST) ALGAROBA PNRE

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Case 31, No. B-1 (Cont.)

1044 (25-10 NORTH 120-44 EAST) HSAP 1228
(27-12 NORTH 122-28 EAST) DRAP 0726 (29-07
NORTH 122-26 EAST) X NOTE GUNNEL IS NOW
PATROLLING AREA 9 AND WE WILL GIVE HER MORE
DOPE ON THIS CONVOY LATER X

SALMON NOTE TRIGGER IS HEADING HOME AND MIPB
ARE TOWING THE FLAT TOP AT 2 KNOTS STARTING
22 HOURS GCT 10 JUNE FROM PZCC 1452 (34-14
NORTH 139-52 EAST) X CONSIDERING DIFFICULTIES
THEY MAY ENCOUNTER THERE MAY STILL BE TIME TO
FINISH HER OFF X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Seawolf

Ninth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception and transmission
was wholly satisfactory.

No. C-2

June 12

1421 (H) Picked up smoke astern, believed to be
convoy, in two columns. Decided to
continue opening at dead slow speed
for a dusk attack due to glassy condition
of sea.

1835 (H) Contact #4. Stacks and masts coming over
horizon. One destroyer ahead, six other
ships, 6 knots, all small except one in
middle fairly large. Identified first
three ships to be seen clearly as other
escorts, until seen more clearly to be
MFA well deckers of 2,000-3,000 tons.
Largest ship was of about 7000 tons.

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Case 31, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 1845 (H) Sunset. Range 7000 yds. on destroyer. Reversed course to close. Ships apparently zigging constant helm. Decided to attack destroyer first. Angle on bow changed from 70 starboard to 90 port in 13 minutes. We were dead ahead of track.
- 1933 (H) Abandoned attempt at destroyer as closest range obtained was 4000 yds. with a 90 port angle. Bright half moon at zenith with no clouds made observations quite easy. Should have reversed course a little earlier, however. Battery quite low, 1.180 gravity. Destroyer was WAKATAKE class, 6 knots, long range ping, patrolling station ahead about 2 miles.
- 1952 (H) Angle on bow of 3 ships on left flank of convoy about zero. Took course for 90 track opening, stern shot.
- 2004 (H) Zigged, angle on bow on one ship 70 port, other one still zero, range 1,200 yards.
- 2007 (H) Second one finally zigged right for a 70 port angle on bow, close range, called for outer doors aft. By the time doors were opened, range had closed to 500 yards or less and opened again, track angle large port and increasing. Ship was MFM wall decker, 3 island of 3,500 tons. Did not fire, set-up too snap. It was problematical whether we would get a shot in or get forced deep to avoid collision. We are probably keeping the doors closed too long to avoid flooding. This was our shot, as a quick look showed all ships past showing large port angles. The zigs were radical but we were in good initial position. This is third convoy we've had contact with with no result. Beginning to prefer single ships now.

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Case 31, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 2052 (H) Angle on bow now 90 port, range 4000 yds. Suddenly realized that this was a 2500 ton MFM well deck, 250 ft. long, ship the eighth ship of the convoy, about 4 miles astern, trying to close up. No escort.
- 2352 (H) Fired four torpedoes ... No explosions.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	4
Date	6/12
Time	1835 (H)
Position	26-02 N, 121-30 E
Type	6 ship convoy, plus 1 DD, plus 1 ship trailing 4 miles astern
Course	040
Speed	6.5
Remarks	All MFM 3 island well decks 2,000 - 4,000 tons except one MFM of 7,000 tons WAKATAKE class DD. Attack trailing ship, no hits. Attack #2.

U.S.S. Salmon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-5

June 11

- 2000 (K) Surfaced and commenced return to base.
- 2230 (K) Received information of TRIGGER attack and proceeded at full speed to scene of attack.

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Case 31, No. C-4 (Cont.)

June 12

0230 (K) We were challenged by two boats on our
starboard beam. Turned tail and opened
out.
0415 (K) Submerged in vicinity of TRIGGER attack.
0500 (K) Nothing in sight. Set course to clear
area and return to base.

Case 32

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: KIRI 7 (Guard 06/1410 June
Division #67, JN 25 E
Wake) 39004
TO: OTU 4 (Base Force
#6)
INFO: TUEKE (1st Section Naval General
Staff)
MOTIKA (Yokosuka Naval District Chief
of Staff)
KUHATU (Yokosuka Transportation Section)
ROUMA (Escort Force #2)
SUHI 7 (4th Fleet)
MANIRA (Yokosuka Munitions Section Chief)
And one garbled call.

(See dispatch timed 4 minutes earlier).

(NSS-081101-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

(X 64137 - Naniwa Maru - JTKL ?) departs Wake
the 6th and is scheduled to pass through following
points and arrive Yokosuka June 15th at 0800.
Noon positions:

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Case 32, No. A-1 (Cont.)

7th, 20-52 North, 163-51 East.
8th, 22-46 North, 160-45 East.
9th, 24-40 North, 157-35 East.
10th, 26-28 North, 154-20 East.
11th, 28-21 North, 151-04 East.
12th, 30-15 North, 147-48 East.
13th, 32-05 North, 144-25 ? East.
14th, 33-58 North, 140-55 East.

Cargo, 168 drums blanks (12 metric tons).

(Heading and system follows timed 4 minutes later).

(NBS-081057-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Comdr. Voge has by phone,
0720/08 June

No. A-2

FROM: OSO 7 (Surface 10/1600 June
Escort Unit JN 25 K 19
#1) 85131
TO: TIUNI (Comdr. Palao
Area branch Escort Unit #2)
INFO: ME TU 7 (Unident)
MANO 4 (Combined Fleet)
RURI 5 (Unident)
ERI 2 (Naval Minister)
URI 1 (Chief of Naval General Staff)
TUEKE (1st Section, Naval General Staff)
TUTA 6 (4th Fleet)

#3 Tonan Maru departed PT for ES ? via PP at
1500, 10th.

At 1100, 15th enter PP from southward of Angaur
Island after which expect to unload 5,000 tons
fuel and 300 blank gasoline.

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Case 32, No. A-2 (Cont.)

Part I.

Moan positions 11th to 14th inclusive:

06-30 N, 149-42 E

06-21 N, 144-42 E

06-27 N, 140-43 E

06-45 N, 136-42 E

Routing: From south entrance of Truk to
Shukku ? Island to Yorupikku
Island ? passing south side of
Angaur Island. Arrive off Palau
0900, 15th.

Comment by Negat: In addition to being
badly garbled this
message is badly drafted.
With exception of longitude
140-43, longitudes result
from shakily cleared groups.

GI COMMENT: PT - Truk, PP - Palau,
ES - Singapore
Yorupikku Island, 6-41 E,
143-06 E; Angaur Island
7-30 N, 135-45 E;
Shukku Island (Pulusak Is.)
6-42 N, 149-19 E

Phoned to subs at 1750/11 (-9).

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Case 32 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSOPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP

12/0940 June

SERIAL 43 IS COMSOPAC ULTRA FOR SUBS CONCERNED X TINCOSA MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO USE LAST 2 TORPEDOES ON FREIGHTER AT 3 HOURS GCT 12 JUNE 32-05 NORTH 144-25 EAST ALGAROBA 33-58 NORTH 140-55 EAST X DO NOT SPEND TOO MUCH TIME LOOKING FOR HIM AS SCORPION MAY HAVE KNOCKED HIM OFF FARTHER SOUTH X NEXT TIME YOU OPEN UP ADVISE IF YOU CONTACTED MY SERIAL 23 AND IF SO WHAT YOU FOUND THERE X FOLLOWING INFO FOR SARGO HOE AND FINEBACK IS REPEATED X 280 POPCORN AT 3 HOURS GCT 12 JUNE 6-21 NORTH 144-42 EAST ALGAROBA 6-27 NORTH 140-43 EAST 6-45 NORTH 136-42 EAST X THEN PASSES SOUTH OF ANGAUR AND ARRIVES PALAO 2 HOURS GCT 15TH X SARGO ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION ALONG TRACK AND HOE BETWEEN POSITION FOR 14TH AND ANGAUR X SARGO LET US KNOW IF YOU GET HIM X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Tincosa

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete and all consecutive serials received.

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Case 32 (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 12

0052 (I) Sighted AOGA SHIMA and made simultaneous
SJ radar contact, range 32,050 yards.
1332 (I) On coming out of rain squall sighted
masses of two vessels dead ahead, estimated
range 10,000 yards, angle on bow 45 port.
O.C.D. submerged. Began approach, normal
approach course, full speed. Closest
range 8,500 yards. (Contact #68). Convoy
zigzagging radically, escort astern, speed
advance 14 knots. In view of small speed
differential, full moon, and necessity to
gain position ahead, considered surface
chase useless.

June 13

0052 (K) Master gyro finally repaired and settled
on meridian.

June 14 -

19

Returned to Midway.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	67
Time	1332 (I)
Date	6/12
Position	32-39, 143-07
Type	Convoy 1 similar SADA MARU, 1 similar ARIMASAN MARU, HIHIKI Class DD
Course	310
Speed	14
Remarks	Ships in line of bearing. DD trailing 3000 astern.

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Case 32 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Scorpion

Second War Patrol

No. C-4

(En route from Midway to assigned area off
China Coast on these days - June 2 to June
21. No contact. Ed. Note.)

U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-5

Radio Reception: See VI, Case 30, No. C-3.

No. C-6

See VI, Case 30, No. C-4.

U.S.S. Hca

First War Patrol

No. C-7

Radio Reception: See VI, Case 30, No. C-1.

No. C-8

See VI, Case 30, No. C-2.

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Case 33

A - Source of Intelligence

NO. A-1

FROM:	MOTIKA	(Yokosuka Naval District Chief of Staff)	11/1306 June JN 25 E 19 24471
TO:	HAO 6	(#2 Surface Escort Unit)	
	TURO 4	(Chichijima Special Base Force)	
	YANO 8	(Saipan Base Force #5)	
	RETE 4	(4th Fleet)	
	KENA 4	(8th Fleet)	
	WAO 5	(Base Force #31, Manila)	
	MOA 1	(Base Force #4)	
	SEKI 3	(Rabaul, Base Force #8)	

The blank kawa Maru departed Yokosuka for Rabaul at 1300 on the 11th. Noon posits from the 12th through 18th (all north and east except last course:

12th, 30-20 North, 140-45 East.
13th, 24-50 North, 141-30 East.
14th, 19-10 North, 141-30 East.
15th, 13-30 North, 143-00 East.
16th, 08-10 North, 145-15 East.
17th, 02-40 North, 147-15 East.
18th, 02-30 South, 149-10 East.

(NSS-111654-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Possibly Fujikawa Maru. ComSub-Pac has by phone 0445 (-9) 12th.

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Case 33 (Cont.)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

12/1002 June

FROM: COMSOPAC
TO: ALL SUBS ON
HFM FOX
FLYING FISH
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP

THIS ULTRA FOR FLYING FISH IF ANYWHERE NEAR X
1 MAPLE (TYPE UNKNOWN) WHICH MAY BE BIG
APPLE X BLANK X BLANK X MINUS 900 MINUS 3 X
JMES 2045 (30-20 NORTH 140-45 EAST) ALGAROB
LEGA 5033 (24-50 NORTH 141-30 EAST) VPGA 1030
(19-10 NORTH 141-30 EAST) X LET US KNOW IF
YOU GET HIM FOR WE HAVE ADDITIONAL DOPE ON
HIM FOR SARCO X COMSOPAC SERIAL 44 R

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 13

1025 (K) Conducting submerged patrol between the
Volcano Islands.
1243 (K) Masts on horizon bearing 013°T. Distance
8 miles. Commenced approach.

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Case 33, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 1303 (K) (Contact #4) observed target to be a hospital ship of about 3000 tons properly marked (all white with large red cross on stack and green stripes on side from bow to stern with two large red crosses in breaks of green stripes amidships.)
- 1315 (K) Broke off approach and observed hospital ship pass to westward at 3000 yards range, course 180°T, speed 14 knots.

June 14-16 Patrolling on surface at night and submerged during daylight west of Bonin Islands.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	4
Date	6/13
Time	1243 (K)
Position	24-30 N, 141-30 E
Type	Hospital ship (properly marked of about 3000 tons)
Course	180°T
Speed	14
Remarks	Complied with Law of civilized warfare.

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TOP SECRET

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Case 34

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: WATT 8 (#2 Surface 12/0750 June
Escort Unit) JN 25 E 19
(C) 07131
TO: RUFU 3 (22nd Air Flot)
(B)
KEE 4 (Base Force #6) (B)
UNIFU (Guard Division #42, Ponape)
(B)
INFO: TUEKE (1st Section Naval General
Staff) (A)
NSEN (Transportation Section Chief)
(A)
ROTOTI (Sasebo Naval Base Chief of
Staff) (A)
MOTIKA (Yokosuka Naval District Chief
of Staff) (B)
NUWANE (Combined Fleet) (A)
RAYASU
TIWARU (2nd Fleet) (B)

Convoy #5123; #18 Mikage Maru (bound for
Kwajalein), and X 16557, X 30990 (bound for
Ponape ?); escort (X 29238-DD) (bound for
Kwajalein) departed 0600/12th from Truk.
X 16557, X 30990 arrive 1500/14th. #18
Mikage Maru arrives 0500/17th.

Noon positions: 13th, 7-54 North, 154 9-32 East
14th, (6)-18 North, 158-00 East
15th, 6-55 North, 161-50 East
16th, 8-06 North, 165-26 East

X 16557, X 30990 separate from convoy at 1000/14th,
in position 06-20 North, 157-42 East.

(NPM-122356-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

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Case 34

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

12/1820 June

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS GUARDING
NPH FOX
SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH

PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC SENDS ULTRA X PEGAN AT 0300 OCT 13
JUNE NPHU 5432 (7-54 N, 154-32 E) X ALGORCHA
JGHE 1800 (6-18 N 158-00 E) JGERA 5550 (6-55 N
161-50 E) DZSA 0626 (8-06 N 165-26 E) ARRIVES
KWAJALEIN 2000 OCT 16TH X SEADRAGON AND SPEAR-
FISH ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION EAST AND WEST
RESPECTIVELY OF 163 EAST X SEADRAGON NOTE SPEAR-
FISH MAY PASS THROUGH YOUR AREA TO GET AT THIS
ONE X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Seadragon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was satisfactory.

No. C-2

June 12

0503 (L)

Dived off EBADON ISLAND. Spent morning
off EBADON ISLAND and then headed up
towards ROI ISLAND.

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Case 3A, No. C-2 (Cont.)

1916 (L) Surfaced.

June 13

- 1450 (L) Contact #6, Attack #1. Sighted masts of ship zigzagging on base course 220°. Commenced approach. Ship identified as similar to HIROKAWA MARU, in light condition accompanied by two trawlers as escorts, one patrolling ahead, the other trailing, and air coverage of one twin float monoplane.
- 1526 (L) Fired four torpedoes from bow tubes, track 1058, range 1500 yards, using longitudinal spread white light method, two at MOT, one at bow, one at stern. After firing second torpedo, bomb exploded close aboard on starboard quarter. (Forgot to keep track of the plane.)
- 1527 (L) Two hits amidships. Third and fourth shots missed. Large cloud of black smoke amidships on port side.
- 1530 (L) Ship stopped, low in water with a large list to port. One escort heading for our position. Upon swinging periscope aft picked up what appeared to be a torpedo boat or small destroyer, very close and heading right at us. Went deep and rigged for depth charge. This newcomer evidently came out from KWAJALEIN as he was not part of the freighter's escort. Last look at freighter showed the stern almost under.

June 14

- 0442 (L) Dived. Commenced closing ROI ISLAND to examine anchorage. During the day examined anchorages off KWAJALEIN and

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ROI ISLANDS for any sign of our freighter. In the ROI anchorage there were several patrol craft and at KWAJALEIN the only ships there were the ones that had been anchored since first sighting of June 10. It is believed that this definitely established the fact that the freighter attacked, sunk.

June 16

1320 (L) Lookouts reported smoke dead ahead. Reversed course and speeded up to get ahead and open range.

1358 (L) Dived.

1428 (L) Sighted masts of ship 30° on our port bow. He evidently had seen us on our first contact as he should have been dead ahead. Changed course and went to full speed in order to try to get in position for attack. (Contact #7)

1555 (L) Discontinued approach as the least range we were able to reach was 7000 yards. Ship was a KMFN coal bearing freighter of about 4000 tons accompanied by a destroyer escort of KAMIKAZE class and twin float monoplane giving air coverage. Ship was on base course 070°. Making twelve knots.

1743 (L) Surfaced and commenced chasing. Smoke visible thru #2 periscope.

1958 (L) Smoke of ship visible on port bow.

2137 (L) Closed in to track of freighter in order to make contact. Ship and escort sighted almost broad on port beam.

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June 17

0200 (L) Slowed down to five knots on enemy base course. At this time we figured we were 18,000 yds. ahead. Commenced retiring at slow speed in direction of SOUTH PASS. Enemy base course of 070° heads him right for the PASS.

0440 (L) Dived, closing SOUTH PASS.

0622 (L) Sighted patrol boat with single float monoplane circling over him.

0657 (L) Sighted twin float monoplane over lagoon.

0803 (L) Heard bomb explosion (not close).

0820 (L) Two bomb explosions (close).

0900 (L) Sighted patrol boat and twin engine bomber heading in our general direction. Were unable to account for the explosions as each time they occurred we were unable to pick anything through periscope. Sea was glassy smooth and it is possible a plane sighted the bubbles streaming from #2 and #3 group ballast tanks, due to locking air banks.

A careful examination of the anchorage off KWAJALEIN ISLAND failed to disclose the presence of our previous days contacts. It is possible that they changed course and entered lagoon thru HELLU or NORTH PASS. They certainly didn't pass us during the night and they did not enter GEA or SOUTH PASS.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	6
Date	6/13
Time	1450 (L)
Position	7-30 N, 168-30 E
Type	KAWAN FREIGHTER
Course	220°
Speed	13.5
Remarks	Identified as similar to HIKOKAWA MARU - two hits.

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No	7
Date	6/16
Time	1428 L
Position	6-00 N, 165-00 E
Type	Destroyer - freighter
Course	070°
Speed	12
Remarks	1 Destroyer of KAMIKAZE CLASS. 1 MCMF coal burning freighter of about 4000 tons

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good at all times.

No. C-5

June 12

2110 (L) Proceeding toward assigned area.

June 13

0016 (L) Entered area sixteen.
0524 (L) At Lat. 6-55, Long. 161-50, dived; patrolled
2117 (L) Proceeding toward assigned area at two
engine speed. No contact.

June 16

0900 (L) Departed area sixteen

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Case 35

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	RAME	8	10/1600 June
TO:	YOKA	4 (Truk)	JN 25 E
	RATU	7 (Tokyo)	89800
	SOME	8 (Rabaul)	
	KAN	5 (Sasebo or Kure)	
	YORITI	(garbled)	
INFO:	HORI	7 (8th Fleet)	
	AYO	4	
	KETA	1	

Changing communication zones as follows:

Until noon blank (date) in Sasebo
long range zone. Thence until noon
18th in 4th zone. Thereafter in
8th (Rabaul) zone.

BAKER COMMENT: Looks very close to schedule
of blank Kawa Maru. See NSS-
111654.

(T2W-112231-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Negat's referred to reads as
follows: "The blank Kawa Maru
departed Yokosuka for Rabaul
at 1300 on the 11th. Noon
posits from the 12th through 18th
(all north and east except last
course):
12th, 30-20 N, 140-45 E
13th, 24-50 N, 141-30 E
14th, 19-10 N, 141-30 E
15th, 13-30 N, 143-00 E
16th, 08-10 N, 145-15 E
17th, 02-40 N, 147-15 E
18th, 02-30 S, 149-10 E

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GI COMMENT: Possibly Fujikawa Maru. ComSub-Pac has by phone 0445 (-9) 12th."

Break out NEGATS 111654 June. Blank Kawa whose route points given in MOTIKA 111305 contacted by submarine near 24-30 North, 141-30 East on 13 June and found to be a hospital ship.

(NPM-132350-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: NSS-111654 gave noon posits of the _____ Kawa Maru departing Yokosuka for Rabaul

No. A-2

FROM:	Blank	Originator	12/1207 June
TO:	HATI	9 (8th Fleet)	JN 25 E 19
	NNE	9 (Yokosuka Chief of Staff)	73551
INFO:	NEFU	2 (Combined Fleet)	
	NNE	6 (Base Force #8)	
	WAWA	1 (Southeast Area Fleet)	
	NOWA	1	
	WATI	8 (Surface Escort Unit #2)	
	HORA	3 (Yunakanau Air)	
	TUKE	(1st Section Naval General Staff)	
	EMO	1	
	TAWIKU	(Guard Division #43)	
	FUTI	9 (Base Force #5)	

From Captain of Aikoku Maru.

- (1) Will arrive Kure at 1400 on 21st speed 16.5.
- (2) Will be escorted as far as 2-15 North, 150 East, by Satsuki (X 03201). Thereafter proceeding alone.
- (3) Cargo - 1 type-94 scout seaplane. Blank mail. Officers and men blank.

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NEGAT COMMENT: (Refer NSS-121244 for subsequent schedule).

(NSS-121604-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Phoned to ComSubPacFor at 130400 (-9) June. "Subsequent schedule" above came in NSS-121735, which gave route points and times at which Aikoku Maru would pass them.

No. A-3

FROM: No Originator 12/1207 June
TO: HATI 9 (Yokosuka Chief of Staff) JN 25 E 19 69761
INFO: NEFU 2 (Combined Fleet)
FUTI 9 (Base Force #5)
NNE 6 (Base Force 8)
WAWA 1 (Southeast Area Fleet)
HATI 8 (Surface Escort Unit #2)
EMO 1
HOTI 3
NOWA 1
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
TAWIKU (Guard Division #43)

From Captain of Aikoku Maru

This ship will depart Rabaul at 1500 on 12th, and proceed in accordance with following schedule:

At 2000 on 12th. Off Saint George Point
At 0330 on 13th. Point "A", 4° South, 154 East.
At 2030 on 13th. Point "B", 0° blank, 154 East.
Thence on course 299 degrees ? to point C, 6-10 North, 142-50 East at 0130 on 16th. Thence on course 341 degrees to

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point "D", 32-37 North, 133 East
at 0200 on 21st. Pass through
Hayasui Seto at blank.

NEGAT COMMENT: Course translated is question-
able 299 is very close to that
figure, but may be one or two
degrees in error. Code group
is 70008.

(NBS-121835-JUNE-OP-COMB-CCPEK)

No. A-4

FROM:	Blank Originator	12/1330 June
TO:	RAKE 1 (Garble)	JN 25 E 19
	UTI 4 (URO 2)	95760
	(Rabaul) (B)	
	TOFU 7 (TOKI 4) (Tokyo) (C)	
	ROMA 5 (ROO 3) (Kure) (B)	
	KARE 3 (Garble)	
	NEFU 2 (NEKI 6) (Combined Fleet) (B)	
INFO:	KUE 8 (KUMI 8) (Outer South Seas Force)	
	(A)	

From Captain Aikoku Maru

At 1800/13th, leave #8 Communication Zone and
enter #4 Communication Zone (NA 41).

At 0000/17th, leave #4 Communication Zone and
enter Sasebo Communication Zone (N 78).

At 0500/21st, leave Sasebo Communication Zone
and enter Kure Communication Zone.

(NPM-130734-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK).

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No. A-5

FROM: Unknown Originator 12/1500 June
TO: KUE 8 (Outer South Seas JN 25 E 19
Force) 98183
MESA 5
NAKO 5
INFO: NAKO 5
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
NNE 9 (Yokosuka Chief of Staff)

"From captain of Aikoku Maru. Departed Rabaul
for Kure."

(NSS-121244-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-6

FROM: Blank Originator 12/1500 June
TO: KUE JN 25 E 19
HISA 0 (All Fleet F/S) 98183
(B)
INFO: NAKO 5
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
(A)
NNE 9 (Kure Chief of Staff) (B)
or (Yokosuka Chief of Staff) (B)

Originated by C.O. Aikoku Maru. Departed Rabaul
for Kure.

(NPM-121846-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

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B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUEPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX
INFO: - - -

12/0340 June

PREC: OP OP

COMSUEPAC SERIAL 47 GIVES SARGO 2 MORE
BEAUTIES X ULTRA X 1 MAPLE WHICH MAY BE BIG
APPLE AT 0300 GCT 16 JUNE DZFY 1015 (08-10 N
145-15 E) ALGAROA RMFH 4015 (02-40 N 147-15 E)
FLYING FISH MAY HAVE STOPPED HIM FARTHER NORTH X
WILL ADVISE IF WE FIND OUT X 043 POPCORN ON
COURSE 299 TRUE WILL ARRIVE AT JGUK 1050
(06-10 N 142-50 E) AT 1630 GCT 15 JUNE AND THEN
CHANGES COURSE TO 341 MAKING GOOD ABOUT 14.5
KNOTS

No. B-2

FROM: COMSUEPAC
TO: SARGO
ALL SUBMARINES GUARDING
NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

13/1317 June

PREC: OP OP OP

POSSIBLE BIG APPLE (SEA PLANE TENDER) MENTIONED
IN MY 130340 IS REPORTED BY FLYING FISH TO BE A
HOSPITAL SHIP X WORK ON 043 POPCORN MENTIONED
IN SAME DESPATCH X ULTRA X

REF: ULTRA COMSUEPAC SERIAL 47 GIVES SARGO
2 MORE BEAUTIES X 1 MAPLE WHICH MAY
BE BIG APPLE AT 0300 GCT 16 JUNE DZFY

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception of NPM For was excellent and complete.

No. C-2

(No entry made for June 15th and 16th.
Ed. Note.)

June 17

1015 (K) Sighted smoke of convoy (later seen to be 4 AKs one small AG, and 1 SC) bearing 215°T., range 24,000 yds. Commenced tracking and drawing ahead but convoy took a big sweep to southward of its reported track.

2123 (K) Dove and commenced approach.

2305 (K) Made three bow tubes ready (#1 out of commission) but with position on left flank targets repeatedly zigged away. Casualty on stern planes - shifted to hand power.

2324 (K) Abandoned attack after best set up on smallest AK was 2000 yds. 120 track. Considered it advisable to commence new approach in view of above conditions and our fire control material limitations (see deficiencies).

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June 18

0001 (K) Surfaced and commenced taking position ahead of convoy for new approach at 4 engine speed.
0407 (K) Submerged and commenced approach.
0500 (K) Made bow tubes ready - but did not reach a firing position.
0520 (K) With all targets headed directly away abandoned attack, having thoroughly botched this night's work. Dawn was now beginning to break, and another end run ahead of the convoy plus approach will take about 6-7 hours which will prevent us from reaching our point ordered for 19th and 20th.
0628 (K) Surfaced and preceded to H.W. to point ordered, smoke of convoy still visible to east.
2141 (K) Sighted MAURAPIE ISLAND bearing 272°T distance 8 miles and set course northward of it.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	4a
Date	June 17
Time	1015 (K)
Position	4-40 N, 142-51 E
Type, tonnage length	AK, 5600
Description	Like Havana Maru - Coal burning

No.	4b
Date	June 17
Time	1015 (K)
Position	4-40 N, 142-51 E
Type, tonnage length	AK 4000
Description	(?) Coal burning

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No.
Date
Time
Position
Type, tonnage, length
Description

4c
June 17
1015 (K)
4-40 N, 142-51 E
AK, 3000
Like Rokko Maru - Coal
burning.

No.
Date
Time
Position
Type, tonnage, length
Description

4d
June 17
1015 (K)
4-40 N, 142-51 E
AK, 2000
Like Syuri Maru - Coal
burning

No.
Date
Time
Position
Type, tonnage, length
Description

4e
June 17
1015 (K)
4-40 N, 142-51 E
AO, 1472
Like Ryozo Maru - Diesel

No.
Date
Time
Position
Type, tonnage, length
Description

4f
June 17
1015 (K)
4-40 N, 142-51 E
SC
Similar to SC51 Class

Remarks:

Picked up convoy's smoke
and conducted two un-
successful night approaches,
17-18 June. Ships were
loaded.

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Case 36

A - Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese dispatch is not available. Ed. Note).

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NFM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

14/0220 June

PREC: OP OP OP

ULTRA X ORDERS FOR SNOCK FROM COMSUBPAC X
PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TOWARD NDES (22 DEGREES
NORTH 140 DEGREES EAST) X USE SPEED TO BE
THERE BY 20 HOURS GCT 17 JUNE X MORE DOPE
LATER X IMPORTANT X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Snock

Second War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 17

Unsuccessful

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Case 26 (Cont.)

June 18

0710 (K) Sighted plane 8 miles and dove.
0910 (K) Surfaced.
1300 (K) Dove for high periscope patrol. Believed
distant air screen would be maintained
by small planes.
1930 (K) Surfaced and stood North at 10 knots.

June 19

2100 (K) The course was altered for our original
area. A course was steered up at the
GUAM-TOKARA KAIKO line, but no contacts
were made.

June 20-21

Uneventful surface cruising with daily
dives and drills.

Case 37

A - Source of Intelligence

See VI, Case 40, A-1, A-5.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
HALIBUT
ALL SUBS COPYING
NPH FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

14/0235 June

PREC: OP OP

HALIBUT GETS THESE ORDERS X INCREASE SPEED IN

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Case 37. No. B-1 (Cont.)

ORDER REACH DZQW (8 NORTH 151 EAST) BY 16
HOURS GCT 20 JUNE IF POSSIBLE X SPEARFISH
NOTE X ULTRA X MORE DOPE FOR BOTH OF YOU
LATER X

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Halibut

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: The communications were generally
satisfactory throughout the patrol.
Radio reception was good and no
serials were missed.

No. C-2

June 20

0438 (K) Dived. Conducted submerged patrol north
of TRUK, enroute to area.
1704 (K) Sighted enemy destroyer, range 12,000 yds.,
with a large angle on the bow (Contact #1).
It has apparently just left TRUK and was
making about 20 knots on course 300°T.
1923 (K) Surfaced.
2030 (K) Entered area.
2043 (K) Sighted two darkened ships, identified as
a freighter with destroyer escort.
(Contact #2). Range was about 10,000 yds.
and the target presented a large angle on
the bow. Would have liked to have made an
attack but considered that to do so was
contrary to instructions contained in Com-
SubPac Serial 50.

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Case 37, No. C-2 (Cont.)

2346 (K) Sighted destroyer or large patrol vessel (Contact #3).

2351 (K) Sighted second patrol vessel (Contact #4).

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No. 1
Time 1704 (K)
Date 6/20
Position 8-07 N, 151-29 E
Type Destroyer
Range 12000
Speed-Course 300°T, 20 kts.
How Contacted P
Remarks - - -

No. 2
Time 2043 (K)
Date 6/20
Position 8-02 N, 151-02 E
Type Freighter with 1 DD escort
Range 10000
Speed-Course 290°T, 13 kts.
How Contacted SN
Remarks - - -

No. 3
Time 2346 (K)
Date 6/20
Position 8-09 N, 150-33 E
Type DD or Patrol vessel
Range 12000
Speed-Course 270°T, 5 kts.
How Contacted SN
Remarks - - -

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Case 37, No. C-3 (Cont.)

No.	4
Time	2351 (K)
Date	6/20
Position	8-04 N, 150-36 E
Type	DD or Patrol Vessel
Range	10000
Speed-Course	270°T, 5 kts.
How Contacted	SN
Remarks	- - -

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: The reception was good at all times. There was not jamming at any time on the NPM schedules.

No. C-5

June 20

0458 (K) Submerged, patrolling west of Namonuito Island.

June 21

0247 (K) Sighted ships bearing 311°T. to 334°T.
0251 (K) Dived, started approach. Counted 11 to 14 ships. Three passed to northeastward of us, remainder to southwestward. Practically full moon but above heavy overcast. Shapes plainly visible but characteristics impossible to distinguish until close. Early stages of approach on cruiser, then shifted to carrier on his starboard quarter.
0337 (K) Fired four torpedoes, all missed. Range and speed probably underestimated, fired

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late. Maneuvered for position to fire stern tubes at another carrier.

0344 (K) Heard four distant explosions, probably torpedoes at end of run.

0345 (K) Destroyer coming in on port beam with very small angle on bow. Went deep. One set of screws remained in vicinity but no depth charges.

0450 (K) No screws heard for about twenty minutes, came to periscope depth. Destroyer just forward of starboard beam, angle on bow about 40 port, stopped or going very slowly. After 360° sweep with periscope, destroyer had considerable bow wave and zero angle on bow. Went deep. No depth charges. He stayed with us until about 0900 after which no screws were heard.

1000 (K) Commenced heading north at periscope depth.

1919 (K) Surfaced, headed to eastward of NAMOHUITO ISLAND.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No.	1
Date	6/21
Time	0247 (K)
Position	8-42 N, 149-18.5 E
Type	Task force 11-13 ships including 3 CVS, CAS, CLs, DDS
Remarks	Fired four torpedoes - no hits.

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Case 38

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	SifuRe		12/0836 June
TO:	NEWA	9	JN 25 E 19
	TEMI	6	46861
INFO:	HANWI		(Part 1 of 2)
			(Yulin
			District Transp.
			Office Chief) (A)
	TATI	6	(China Fleet) (C)
	UWAHA		
	TUE	5	(Air Unit at Takao ?) (C)
	YUMO	8	
	OSUNA		(D/F Net Station in Nanking
			Area) (B)
	RAEHI		(Moji Area Resident Naval
			Officer) (A)
	SIRAHA		

"1. Blank convoy, made up of 8 ships, departed from blank Bay at 0500 on the 12th (June) and is scheduled to arrive at X09549 at blank. Speed 8 knots. Blank 3013. Ships in convoy are Kazan Maru (JBOP ?); Blank Maru; Blank Maru (J blank blank A); Buenos Aires Maru (SPIC) blanks; Blank WA Maru.

(JAUR) blank; Blank Maru (J blank blank D) via Takao to Saigon; blanks armament, supplies and passengers; Blank Maru (J blank blank D) via Amoy to Sama; Yasu blank Maru.

2. Noon Positions: 12th: off blank
13th: 32-30 North, 125-45 East.

(NPM-140028-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

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12/0836
JN 25 E 19
30633
(Part 2 of 2)

"3. Escort ship is to join up with this convoy
3 blank South of blank Island.

4. Several blanks scheduled to arrive at blank.

Noon Positions: 15th: 28-03 North, 121-45 East.
16th: 25-35 North, 119-35 East.

5. After separating from the convoy at blanks,
scheduled to arrive at Takao at 1200 on the 18th.

Noon Positions: 15th: 28-10 North, 121-34 East.
16th: 25-40 North, 120-00 East.
17th: 23-35 North, 117-34 East.

(NPM-140034-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: SEAWOLF
ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX

14/0335 June

PREC: OP OP OP

SERIAL 48 ULTRA TO SEAWOLF X PECAN AT 3 HOURS
GCT 15 JUNE YBTH 0345 (28-03 N - 121-45 E)
ALGAROBIA PND5 3335 (25-33 N 119-35 E) ANOTHER
PECAN 3 HOURS GCT 15 JUNE YBTH 1034 (28-10 N
121-34 E) ALGAROBIA PNRE 4000 (25-40 N 120-00 E)
COMBINED TOTAL OF 8 POPLARS X

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Seawolf

Ninth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception and transmission was wholly satisfactory.

No. C-2

June 14

0438 (H) Resumed course to the SW again at dead slow speed, planning to head for Amoy. This position on a NE-SW line about half way between northern Formosa and the China coast seems to be where all convoys have passed through. No doubt moved out from coast as a result of our other submarine activities.

0505 (H) Sunrise.

1935 (H) Surfaced. Nothing sighted.

June 16

0403 (H) Dived, took a southwest course, returning towards turnabout light.

0714 (H) Distant explosion.

0808 (H) Smoke, identified as patrol vessel. Maintained course. Patrol vessel on starboard bow, headed south or southsouthwest.

1114 (H) One distant explosion.

1116 (H) Sighted a NEEL ahead, bearing south, six miles, 1,000 ft. altitude course 200 T.

1259 (H) Another distant explosion. This activity would indicate that GUMMEL had gotten in or else a false contact.

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Case 38, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 1733 (H) Smokes closed somewhat. Identified as a trawler-type patrol vessel. Took avoiding course.
- 1925 (H) Surfaced with patrol vessel dead astern five miles; opened out on him. His speed plotted as 6 knots. Set course to southwest, still along both convoys' estimated mean track. Smokes should be visible at 15 miles tonight. Full moon, flat calm, occasional clouds. Avoided patrol vessel. believed to be the same one seen out here during the day. We are about 30 miles off China coast due north of Formosa. Avoided another large sail. Believe these large sails sighted to be anti-submarine vessels, not fishermen.

June 17

- 0418 (H) Dived 40 minutes before sunrise.
- 1931 (H) Surfaced. Nothing sighted. Avoided several large sailing vessels, not junk-rigged, during night.

June 18-19

- 0342 (H) Ran submerged to the southwest, avoided numerous sampans, heading for Amoy.
- 0436 (H) Picked up 23 sailing sampans within one minute, in formation, beating to windward for AMOY. Avoided.
- 0438 (H) Dived. Continued avoiding sampan.
- 0815 (H) Counted 37 sailing sampans in sight.
- 0922 (H) OOD picked up two ships (Contact #6) in column on SW course; approaching through haze on our port bow at 4000 yds., angle on bow 20 starboard. Sea choppy, visibility fair, slight haze, partly overcast, 20 fathoms of water. Battle stations. OOD had rudder on and twisting for stern shot immediately.

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0933 (H) Attack #2. Fired four stern tubes at 1000 yds. at leading MFM, 4000 ton transport, similar to HOKUYO MARU, page 138 ONI 208-F, after 8 minutes on the TDC during all of which time the ship's head swinging fast to starboard. Steadied down for about 100° starboard track, 173 gyro angle just before firing. One hit in stern. Target sank in nine minutes by the stern. Bow hung up in the air long enough to suspect stern to be on bottom for awhile before it finally dived.....

June 21

0103 (H) Contact #7. Made sight contact at 18,000 yards on six ships southbound along west coast Formosa, approaching Pescadores channel, angle on the bow 60 starboard .. High gibbous moon, calm sea, unlimited visibility.

0300 (H) In good position guarding north entrance to Pescadores Channel and fuel now a problem, so decided to wait at this point. If they went around the outside we would miss them, but there was still the northbound outfit due sometime today. If they reformed and continued their track, we were in favorable position.

0519 (H) Sighted first of six ships on various bearings to seaward, on many courses. Apparently it was last night's convoy reforming at about the spot where the depth charging had been.

0722 (H) Finally singled out a good-sized tanker.... He was followed by a 5000 ton MFM and a smaller tanker. One corvette type escort on this side.

0744 (H) Escort now seems to be alongside tanker... Other ships on both sides and astern of us, but tanker believed most valuable in spite of range.

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0745 (H) Attack #4. Fired four bow tubes. There were no explosions at the end of run.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	6
Date	6/20
Time	0922 (H)
Position	24-28 N, 118-50 E
Type	2 MFM 4000 ton transports
Course	225
Speed	7
Remarks	In column. Sank leading one, other turned away. About 500 people in boats. Similar HOKUYO MARU, p. 198 ONI-208 J. Attack #3.

No.	7
Date	6/21
Time	0103 (H)
Position	24-02 N, 120-02 E
Type	8 ship convoy, 2 of which were tankers, 4 others MFM medium freighters and 2 believed to be escorts
Course	225
Speed	11
Remarks	Radar and sight. Attacked one tanker. Attack #4.

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Case 39

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: YURO 0 (Naval Transportation Section) 11/1514 June
JN 25 E
08397
TO: RETE 4 (4th Fleet)
FUO 2 (Kure Address)
ARO 8
INFO: TAWIKU (Guard Division #43)
KENA 4 (8th Fleet)
OTE 5 (Combined Fleet)
KUMI 1 (Chichijima)
MATE 2
HEKI 1
ROTE 5

(This second and last part our 122007).

(NSS-122011-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPKE).

(Part 2 of 2)

GI COMMENT: This information phoned ComSubPac
For at 130940 (-9) June. RR is
Rabaul.

(1). "A" Vessel (X12342-unident Maru) departed
Kobe on the 11th for Palao. Speed 17. Will pass
through following points and arrive at 1400 on
16th. Later departing for RR.

- (a) 31-40 North, 134-40 East
- (b) 23-15 North, 134-10 East
- (c) 17-50 North, 134-10 East
- (d) 15-00 North, 131-10 East
- (e) 10-00 North, 131-10 East

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(2). Will be escorted as far as 27 degrees North by (X27090-unident ship) and as far as 29 degrees North by the Yurishima.

(3). Noon positions 12th to 16th:

12th, 29-25 North, 134-30 East
13th, 23-15 North, 134-10 East
14th, 17-20 North, 133-35 East
15th, 12-05 North, 131-10 East

(Heading and system following in despatch timed 4 minutes later)

(NSS-122007-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

(Part 1 of 2)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING
NPM FOX

14/0347 June

PREC: OP

FINBACK CAN WORK THIS ULTRA FROM COMSUBPAC
SERIAL 49 X 1 MAPLE (TYPE UNKNOWN) MAKING
17 KNOTS ENROUTE PALAO AT 3 HOURS GCT 14 JUNE
QKGB 2035 (17-20 NORTH 133-35 EAST) ALGAROA
CRTU 0510 (12-05 NORTH 131-10 EAST) AND AT UN-
KNOWN TIME PASSES THROUGH YKTU 0010 (10-00
NORTH 131-10 EAST)

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Finback

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet serial 72 (May) and 23 (June) were missed. These were not requested as they did not concern us.

No. C-2

June 14

Patrolled submerged off Toagel Klungul. Sighted smoke patrolling trawler intermittently during day.

June 15

Patrolled on surface on Empire-Palan trade lanes.

1938 (I) Sighted ship at estimated range of 16,000 yds. SJ radar unable to pick up target which appeared to be large.

1943 (I) Dived at 40 feet. Target was zigzagging, unescorted, making 17 kts., or more. As radar seemed to be still out of adjustment, went to 60 feet. Was able to see ship get approximate angles on bow at ranges up to 6000 yds. Sound got a range of 3300 yds. just prior to firing.

2023 (I) Fired three torpedo spread from stern tubes at range of 3500 yds., track starboard of 90°, and gyro angle of 191°. No hits.

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No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	8
Date	6/15
Time	1128
Position	10-00 N, 131-10 E
Torpedoes Fired	3MK XIV 1 tor/2T
Hits	0
Number sunk (Tonnage)	---
Number damaged or probably sunk	---
Type of target	Freighter
Range	3,500

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Case 40

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: Unknown Originator 13/1615 June
TO: SUHA 4 (SUMO 1) (As- JN 25 E 19
sociated Tarawa) 30734
(C)
TONI 0 (TOE 9)
REHA 7 (REMO 6)
NISO 2 (NISA 7) (4th Fleet) (B)
TASO 4 (TASA 1) (Yokosuka CofS) (C)
RUSO 0 (RUSA 9) (Associated Tarawa) (C)
INFO: KOMA 1 (KONE 8) (Unit in Yokosuka
Defense Force) (B)
SIYA 4 (SIKO 1) (Combined Fleet) (B)
IHA 5 (IMO 0) (3rd Fleet) (C)
TUEKE (1st Section Naval
General Staff) (A)
YATUSU'

"From ComBatDiv 3.

Kongo (??),

CruDiv 7 less Mogami, CarDiv 2 (Ryuuhoo), Isuzu, Unyoo, Chuuyoo, DesDiv 7, DesDiv 16 (Yukikaze), DesDiv 27, Wakaba, Shiratuyu, 31689X, Urakaze, Suzukaze, 14964X, 53562X, in accordance with blank depart Yokosuka 1400, June 16 (absolutely certain date) and proceed to Truk. Request screening etc., to the maximum possible extent. Sortie via West Channel of Uraga Channel (?) at 1530 and pass North and West of blank. At 2030 on the 16th position 34-40 or 49 North, 138-25 East."

(NPM-140122-JUNE-000-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Combined Fleet DesOpOrd #592 of 131315/ June 15 quoted for info: "Enroute to Truk, CarDiv 2 (X06375) (Ryuhoo (X39912), DesDiv 27 (X58836) (X07161-Ariake) and (X64080-Yugure), and (X14247-Isuzu)

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will operate as directed by
ComBatDiv 3."

HYPO COMMENT: 2030 may be 2130 for time of
16th position.

SEE HYPOS 140122 POSITION IS 34-06 NORTH, 138-25
EAST AT 2030.

(NPM-140214-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-2

From ComBatDiv 3.
BatDiv 3 (X03639). CruDiv 7 (X 49578) temporarily
less Mogami (X 16317). CardDiv 2 (Ryuho-X 47118).
Isuzu (X 14247). Unyo (X 62667). Chuyo (X 62703).
DesDiv 7 (X 47484). DesDiv 16 (X 39528) (Yukikaze
X 23385). DesDiv 27 (X 58836). Shiratsuyu (X 40299).
Arashio (X 48816). FF (X 31689). Urakaze (X 25716)?.
Suzukaze (X 35247). Blank (X 14964). Blank (X 53562).
Blank (X 34179). Will depart from Yokosuka (X 29268)
at 1400 on June 16th and will proceed to PT. Request
arrangements be made for patrol etcetra.

(NSS-140247-JUNE-URGENT-COMB-COPEK)

At 1530 will sortie from Western (?) Uraga Channel
and will pass to the North and West of Oshima.
Position at 2030 (?) 16th, latitude 34-06 North,
longitude 138-25 East.

(NSS-140251-JUNE-URGENT-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: NPM 140122 and 140214 reported this
context. Slight variations include
HYPO's recovery of possible Kongo,
Wakaba. For the latter, NEGAT re-
covers Arashio (X48816), and Oshima
for Hypo's "blank" North and West of
which the force is to pass. Oshima
suggests a 2030 or 2130 time for the
34-06 North, 138-25 East posit.

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Negat has "20307". NSS 131945, referred to above, is part two of Jap two-parter, of which this is part one. Negats' suggestion that the posits concerned in the reference despatch were for Ryuhoo alone, are not well founded in the light of the fact that the whole force is involved in the first part. NEGATS' suggestion was made before the first part was available. PT is Truk.

No. A-3

FROM:	Blank Originator	14 June 1943
TO:	RUHA 7 (2nd Fleet)	JN 25 E
	NISO 2 (4th Fleet)	30734
	RUSO 0 (Associated Tarawa)	
	SUHA 4 (Associated Tarawa)	
	TONI 0	
	KOMA 1 (Yokosuka Defense Squadron)	
INFO:	SIYA 4 (Combined Fleet)	
	IHA 5 (3rd Fleet)	
	TUHA 5 (Air Flot #22)	
	TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)	
	YASESU (2nd Section Naval General Staff)	

(This is part one of Japanese 2 parter).

Reference NSS 131945 for part 2 of the Japanese 2-parter containing positions).

(NSS-140256-JUNE-URGENT-COMB-COPEK)

No. A-4

FROM:	Unknown Originator	13/1615 June
TO:	SUHA 4 (Associated Tarawa)	JN 25 E 19
	REMA 1 (Yakaze or Tatsuta)	43052
		Part 2 of 2
	RUHA 7 (2nd Fleet)	
	NISO 2 (4th Fleet)	
	TASO 4 (CofS Yokosuka)	
	RUSO 0 (Associated Tarawa)	

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INFO: SIYA 4 (Combined Fleet)
IHA 5 (3rd Fleet)
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
YASESU (2nd Section Naval General Staff)

17th, 1400, 28-54 North, 137-52 East.
19th, 1130, 15-20 North, 140-27 East.
20th, 0415, 11-25 North, 143-45 East.
20th, 1815, 11-25 North, 148-00 East.
21st, 0530, 08-20 North, 149-29 East.
21st, 2100, (about) arrive North Channel

PT. DesDiv 7 will be detached and proceed independently about 1300, 18th, to PS and PT.

NEGAT COMMENT: "This may be the schedule of the Ryuho. Part 1 has not been received."

(NSS-131945-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: ComsubPacFor informed at 0740 (-9) 14th. PT is Truk. PS is Saipan.

No. A-5

FROM: NIU 8 (Yokosuka Air Station) 15/1255 June
TO: YOTE 5 JN 25 E
INFO: TUA 7 (6th Fleet) 6 (5 or 9) 083
RUA 9 (5th Fleet)

"From (?) Nakasan blanks.

Reply to 6th Fleet serial 0509320. Planes and personnel will proceed to PT on the Chuyo on 16th.

(NSS-160407-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

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GI COMMENT:

PT is Truk.
Chuyo, according to NPM 140122 June,
is to leave Yokosuka at 1400 on 16th
June. She is to be under the com-
mand of ComBatDiv 3. This is the
"Striking Force"--see NPM 140122 &
NSS 140256, 140247, 140251 for its
composition. 6th Fleet serial above
not available.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 14/0520 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC
INFO: -----
PREC: OP

ULTRA SERIAL 50 S X 00 5 PEANUT PLUS 3 ASH 3 COTTON-
WOOD AND ABOUT 12 IRONWOOD X BLANK (COURSE) X BLANK
(SPEED) X MINUS 030 (1130 GCT) X PLUS 1 (16th) PZHD
0625 (34-06 N 138-25 E) AND 17 AND 1/2 HOURS LATER
YBUE 5452 (28-54 N 137-52 E) X BLANK (COURSE) X
BLANK (SPEED) X MINUS 930 (0230 GCT) X PLUS 4 (19TH)
X GWES 2027 (15-20 N 140-27 E) X ATTEMPT INTERCEP-
TION AS FOLLOWS SCORPION NORTH YB (28 N) X FLYINGFISH
BETWEEN LB (24 N) AND YB (28 N) SNOOK BETWEEN ZY (20 N)
X TO AVOID DIVERSION OF MAIN TARGETS AVOID DETECTION
OR ATTACKS ON MINOR TARGETS IN VICINITY OF TRACK X
AFTER CONTACT AND ATTACK OR AFTER WAITING 24 HOURS
BEYOND TIME EXPECTED IF NO CONTACT IS MADE PROCEED
TO AREAS AS PREVIOUSLY DIRECTED AND NOTE THAT YOUR
TRACKS WILL CROSS EACH OTHER X ATTACK NO OTHER
SUBMARINE UNLESS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ENEMY

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No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC 14/0917
TO: ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
SARGO, HALIBUT
TUNNY, SEADragon
SPEARFISH
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP

COMSUBPAC SERIAL 51 ULTRA IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TASK FORCE GIVEN IN MY 140520 X ALL TIMES GCT X AT 0230 JUNE 19TH GWES 2027 (15-20 NORTH 140-27 EAST) X AT 1915 SAME DATE MLKH 2545 (11-25 NORTH 143-45 EAST) X AT 0915 JUNE 20 MMDJ 2500 (11-25 NORTH 148-00 EAST) X AT 2030 SAME DATE DZNU 2029 (8-20 NORTH 149-29 EAST) AND REMNANTS EXPECT ARRIVE NORTH CHANNEL TRUK AT 3 HOURS JUNE 21ST X SARGO ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION NORTH WEST AND TUNNY EAST OF MLKH 2545 (11-25 NORTH 143-45 EAST) AND EACH WORK FAIRLY CLOSE TO THAT POINT SO YOU WILL BE SUPPORTING EACH OTHER X SPEARFISH INTERCEPT WEST AND HALIBUT SOUTH OF ULUL ISLAND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER X HALIBUT AUTHORIZED PASS THROUGH AREAS 17 AND 15 NORTH TO REACH POSITION IN TIME X SPEARFISH AND SEADragon NOTE X OTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN MY 140520 APPLY TO SUBS MENTIONED HEREIN X BE CERTAIN ENEMY IDENTITY ANY SUBMARINE ATTACKED

No. B-3

FROM: COMSUBPAC 17/0929
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP

SUBS CONCERNED NOTE SUBPAC SERIAL 60 ULTRA X REFERENCE MY 140917 WHICH WAS SERIAL 51 X ABOUT 4 HOURS GCT JUNE 18TH SEVERAL IRONWOOD (DESTROYER) WILL LEAVE THE FORMATION AND HEAD DIRECT FOR SAIPAN X SPEARFISH IS REMINDED THAT HALIBUT MAY BE PASSING THROUGH AREA 15 NORTH OF JUNE 20TH
REF: IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TASK FORCE GIVEN IN MY 140520 X.....

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Case 40 (Cont.)

No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
SARGO, HALIBUT
TUNNY, SEADRAGON
SPEARFISH
INFO: CINCPAC

14/0917

PREC: OP

COMSUBPAC SERIAL 51 ULTRA IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TASK FORCE GIVEN IN MY 140520 X ALL TIMES GCT X AT 0230 JUNE 19TH GWES 2027 (15-20 NORTH 140-27 EAST) X AT 1915 SAME DATE MWKH 2545 (11-25 NORTH 143-45 EAST) X AT 0915 JUNE 20 WMDJ 2500 (11-25 NORTH 148-00 EAST) X AT 2030 SAME DATE DZNU 2029 (8-20 NORTH 149-29 EAST) AND REMNANTS EXPECT ARRIVE NORTH CHANNEL TRUK AT 3 HOURS JUNE 21ST X SARGO ATTEMPT INTERCEPTION NORTH WEST AND TUNNY EAST OF MWKH 2545 (11-25 NORTH 143-45 EAST) AND EACH WORK FAIRLY CLOSE TO THAT POINT SO YOU WILL BE SUPPORTING EACH OTHER X SPEARFISH INTERCEPT WEST AND HALIBUT SOUTH OF ULUL ISLAND SUPPORTING EACH OTHER X HALIBUT AUTHORIZED PASS THROUGH AREAS 17 AND 15 NORTH TO REACH POSITION IN TIME X SPEARFISH AND SEADRAGON NOTE X OTHER INSTRUCTIONS IN MY 140520 APPLY TO SUBS MENTIONED HEREIN X BE CERTAIN ENEMY IDENTITY ANY SUBMARINE ATTACKED

No. B-3

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TO: ALL SUBS CODYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

17/0929

PREC: OP

SUBS CONCERNED NOTE SUBPAC SERIAL 60 ULTRA X REFERENCE MY 140917 WHICH WAS SERIAL 51 X ABOUT 4 HOURS GCT JUNE 18TH SEVERAL IRONWOOD (DESTROYER) WILL LEAVE THE FORMATION AND HEAD DIRECT FOR SAIPAN X SPEARFISH IS REMINDED THAT HALIBUT MAY BE PASSING THROUGH AREA 15 NORTH OF JUNE 20TH
REF: IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TASK FORCE GIVEN IN MY 140520 X.....

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C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Scorpion

Second War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception throughout the patrol was excellent and no difficulty was encountered in copying schedule.

No. C-2

June 2

0730 (Y) Arrived Midway.
1500 (Y) Departed Midway.

June 9-12

Enroute assigned area.

June 13

1745 (I) Passed Lot's Wife.

June 14-17

Enroute assigned area.

June 18-20

Encountered heavy seas and winds of gale force from SW. Proceeded at 2/3 speed making good six knots. Visibility very poor and accompanied by heavy rain squalls.

June 21

0000 (I) Approaching TAKARA JIMA land fall. Having had no fix since the morning of the 18th our position was high doubtful in view of the preceding day's gales and the KUROSHIO current. Visibility 2000 yards with heavy rain squalls. Made approach by soundings.

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- 0600 (I) Sounding failing to check with estimated position, reversed course and submerged to await improved visibility. Visibility remained at 2 - 4000 yards throughout the day.
- 1925 (I) Weather clearing.

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: NPM For schedule was complete in all respects.

No. C-4

June 14-16

Patrolling on surface at night and submerged during daylight west of Bonin Islands.

June 17

- 1723 (I) Conducting submerged patrol west of Bonin Islands. Sighted carrier-based plane on northerly course, alt. 1500 feet; disappeared over the horizon on bearing 348°T.
- 1824 (I) (Contact #5) Sighted battleship foretop bearing 038°T, distance 12 miles. Commenced approach using full speed.
- 1904 (I) Enemy task force consisting of at least one battleship, one large carrier, and two cruisers with destroyers passed to eastward of us at minimum range of 11,800 yds. Speed 20 knots. (A separate supplementary report of the activities of this date have been prepared for Commander Submarines, Pacific Fleet.

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Case 40, No. C-4 (Cont.)

June 18

- 1633 (I) Contact #6. Sighted two small vessels bearing 248⁰T, distance 7 miles on northerly course. The leading vessel was a sampan and, although indistinctly seen thru frequent squalls, the second vessel looked like a small freighter or patrol boat. Made an end run at 12 knots.
- 1334 (I) Submerged dead ahead of sampan, other vessel not in sight. Visibility variable due to squalls.
- 1935 (I) Sampan passed us at range 500 yards speed 7 knots on course 000⁰T. By this time it was getting dark and a search by sound, periscope and radar failed to locate the second ship.
- 1945 (I) Surfaced in heavy squall with zero visibility and made complete radar search of vicinity while proceeding on surface on reverse course of sampan. No contact made.
- 2100 (I) Entered area. Delay in arrival due to various special assignments enroute. Entire transit has been made on surface with one aircraft sighted. Speed had to be reduced to one engine on June 18th as a survey of fuel situation indicated a critical condition, considering patrol area requirements.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	5
Date	17 June
Time	19041
Position	27-35N 138-14.4E
Type	Enemy Task Force 1BB, 1CV, 2CA, several DD. - Tops only on some.
Course	170 ⁰ T
Speed	20
Remarks	Supplementary report had been submitted to ComSubPac.

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Case 40, No. C-5 (Cont.)

No.	6
Date	18 June
Time	18341
Position	25-30 N 136-24.7
Type	Sampan and 1 other unidentified small vessel.
Course	000°T
Speed	7
Remarks	End run, failed to contact second ship after submerging.

U.S.S. Snook

Second War Patrol

No. C-6

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-7

June 16

Slowed for dives and drills.

June 17

Uneventful.

June 18

0710 (K)	Sighted plane 8 miles and dove.
0910 (K)	Surfaced.
1200 (K)	Dove for high periscope patrol. Believed distant air screen would be maintained by small planes.
1930 (K)	Surfaced and stood North at 10 knots until

June 19

2100 (K)	When course was altered for our original area. A course was steered up the GUAM-TOKARA KAIKO line, but no contacts were made.
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Case 40, No. C-7 (Cont.)

June 20, 21

Uneventful surface cruising with daily dives
and drills.

U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-8

Radio Reception: Radio reception of NPM Fox was
excellent and complete.

No. C-9

June 18

0001 (K) Surfaced and commenced taking position
ahead of convoy for new approach at 4
engine speed.

0407 (K) Submerged and commenced approach.

0500 (K) Made bow tubes ready - but did not reach
a firing position.

0520 (K) With all targets headed directly away
abandoned attack, having thoroughly
"botched" this night's work. Dawn was
now beginning to break, and another end
run ahead of the convoy plus approach will
take about 6-7 hours which will prevent us
from reaching our point ordered for 19th
and 20th.

0628 (K) Surfaced and preceded to N.W. to point
ordered, smoke of convoy still visible to
east.

2141 (K) Sighted EAURAPIK IS. bearing 272°T, distance
8 miles and set course northward of it.

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Case 40, No. C-9 (Cont.)

June 20

- 0701 (K) Submerged and began periscope patrol in vicinity of assigned point. With low visibility and heavy clouds, screening carrier planes, if present, made surface patrol unwise.
- 1805 (K) Surfaced and stood to southward having sighted nothing. #2 main engine out of commission due to damage to crosshead guide assembly #6 unit (no spares carried).

June 21

- 2136 (K) Proceeding southward at one and two engine speeds, returning to Area. Having made estimate of fuel consumption for coming week, sent message to ComSubPac advising necessity of departing area about 27 June, due to fuel limitations.

U.S.S. Tunny

Third War Patrol

No. C-10

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 4115 kcs and generally good on 12345 except between 2300-2400 Zebra when some fading was noticed. Last serial received - 42 (None missed)

No. C-11

June 17

Patrolled on surface between McLaughlin Bank and Mogami Bank.

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Case 40, No. C-11 (Cont.)

June 18

Patrolled on surface north of West Fayu Island and Faraulap Island.

June 19

....Submerged for day to avoid being sighted. Patrolled East-West and North-South lines throughout the day and night.

June 20

Repeated performance of previous day.

June 21

0130 (K) Upon receipt of CSP serial 69, set course to intercept damaged tanker reported by Tautog.

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-12

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good at all times.

No. C-13

June 19

0458 (K) Submerged, patrolling to westward.
1907 (K) Surfaced, set course for westward of Namonuito Island.

June 20

0458 (K) Submerged, patrolling west of Namonuito Island.
1910 (K) Surfaced.

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Case 40, No. C-13 (Cont.)

June 21

0248 (K) Sighted ships bearing 311°T to 334°T.
0251 (K) Dived, started approach. Counted 11 to 14 ships. Three passed to northeastward of us, remainder to southwestward. Practically full moon but above heavy overcast. Shapes plainly visible but characteristic impossible to distinguish until close. Early stages of approach on cruiser, then shifted to carrier on his starboard quarter.
0337 (K) Fired four torpedoes, all missed. Range and speed probably under-estimated, fired late. Maneuvered for position to fire stern tubes at another carrier.
0344 (K) Heard four distant explosions, probably torpedoes at end of run.
0345 (K) Destroyer coming in on port beam with very small angle on bow. Went deep. One set of screws remained in vicinity but no depth charges.
0450 (K) No screws heard for about twenty minutes, came to periscope depth. Destroyer just forward of starboard beam, angle on bow about 40 port, stopped or going very slowly. After 360° sweep with periscope, destroyer had considerable bow wave and zero angle on bow. Went deep. No depth charges. He stayed with us until about 0900 after which no screws were heard.
1000 (K) Commenced heading north at periscope depth.

No. C-14

Description of Contact

Attack	1
Time	1737 (GCT)
Date	6/20/43
Position	8° 29'N - 149° 20'E
No. & type torpedoes fired	
on each attack	4 - 14-3A
Hits	0

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June 21

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0344 (K) Heard four distant explosions, probably torpedoes at end of run.
0345 (K) Destroyer coming in on port beam with very small angle on bow. Went deep. One set of screws remained in vicinity but no depth charges.
0450 (K) No screws heard for about twenty minutes, came to periscope depth. Destroyer just forward of starboard beam, angle on bow about 40 port, stopped or going very slowly. After 360⁰ sweep with periscope, destroyer had considerable bow wave and zero angle on bow. Went deep. No depth charges. He stayed with us until about 0900 after which no screws were heard.
1000 (K) Commenced heading north at periscope depth.

No. C-14

Description of Contact

Attack	1
Time	1737 (GCT)
Date	6/20/43
Position	8 ⁰ 29'N - 149 ⁰ 20'E
No. & type torpedoes fired on each attack	4 - 14-3A
Hits	0

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Case 40, No. C-14 (Cont.)

Number Sunk:
(Tonnage) 0
Number Damaged: 0
Type of Target: CV
Range
(in yards) 850

U.S.S. Halibut

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-15

Radio Reception: Communications were generally satisfactory throughout the patrol. Radio reception was good and no serials were missed.

No. C-16

June 20

0438 (K) Dived. Conducted submerged patrol north of TRUK, enroute to area.
1704 (K) Sighted enemy destroyer, range 12,000 yds. with a large angle on the bow (Contact #1.) It had apparently just left TRUK and was making about 20 knots on course 300^{CT}.
1923 (K) Surfaced.
2030 (K) Entered area.
2043 (K) Sighted two darkened ships, identified as a freighter with destroyer escort, (contact #2). Range was about 10,000 yds, and the target presented a large angle on the bow. Would have liked to have made an attack but considered that to do so was contrary to instructions contained in Comsubpac serial 50.
2346 (K) Sighted destroyer or large patrol vessel (contact #3).
2351 (K) Sighted second patrol vessel (Contact #4).

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Case 40, No. C-16 (Cont.)

June 21

0502 (K) Submerged and headed north. Patrolled
across track between Truk and Ulul Island.

No. C-17

Description of Contact

No.	1	2
Time	1704 (K)	2043 (K)
Date	6/20	6/20
Position	8-07N	8-02N
	151-20E	151-02E
Type	Destroyer	Freighter with 1 DD escort
Range	12,000	10,000
Course	300°T	290°T
Speed	20 kts.	13 kts.
Contacted	P	SN
No.	3	4
Time	2346 (K)	2351 (K)
Date	6/20	6/20
Position	8-09N	8-04N
	150-33E	150-36E
Type	DD or patrol vessel	DD or patrol vessel
Range	12,000	10,000
Course	270°T	270°T
Speed	5 kts.	5 kts.
Contacted	SN	SN

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Case 41

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	No Originator	13/1257 June
TO:	NI 8 (Air Flot #22)	JN 25 E
	TOI 6 (Base Force #6)	74678
	FUHA 9	
INFO:	NEMU 7 (4th Fleet)	
	KUYA 6	
	UMU 2	

From ComDesRon 2.

(1). The operating schedule in Eastern Force DesOpOrd #1 of this units (X38670), (X15654) is:

depart North Channel at Truk 0530, 14th.
Position 1100/15th, 08-16 North, 159-48
East. Position 1100/16th, 09-55 North,
166 East. Arrive PQB Anchorage via Mellu
Channel at 1530 the 16th.

(2). Cargo: 25 launches for Jintsu, 4 launches
for (X51867 - DD in DesDiv 24). Request you ar-
range for us to begin unloading at once (?).

(NSS-140634-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: PQB is Ruotto
Mellu Channel is 08-42 North,
167-42 East. Phoned ComSubPacFor
at 141810 (-9) time June.

No. A-2

FROM:	Unknown Originator	13/1257 June
TO:	NI 8 (Airflot #22)	JN 25 E 19
	TOI 6 (Base Force #6)	74678
	FUHA 9	
INFO:	NEMU 7 (4th Fleet)	
	KUYA 6	
	UMU 2	

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Case 41, No. A-2 (Cont.)

"From ComDesRon 2.

1. Operating schedule of this unit (Jintsu (X38670) and (X15645 unident DD) given in Eastern Force DesOpOrd #1 is as follows:

Depart North Channel at Truk 0530 the 14th, position 1100, 15th, 08-16 North, 159-48 East. Position 1100, the 16th, 09-55 North, 166 East. Arrive Ruotto Anchorage via Mellu Channel at 1530 the 16th.

2. Cargo: Jintsu (X18717), portion for 25 large landing boats. (X51864 DD), portion for 4 large landing boats."

NEGAT COMMENT: Impossible tell from this message what material is being transported but it is something which is used in fixed quantity by large landing boats and Jintsu has enough for 25 boats. Destroyer in paragraph 2 is same as in paragraph 1.

(NSS-142314-JUNE-00-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: ComSubPacFor informed by phone at 1010 (-9).

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: SEADragon
ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
INFO: SPEARFISH
CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

14/0921 June

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Case 41, No. B-1 (Cont.)

SEADragon GETS THIS ULTRA FROM COMSUBPAC SERIAL
52 INFO SPEARFISH X 2 IRONWOOD ENROUTE TRUK TO
KWAJALEIN AT 2 HOURS GCT 15 JUNE DZMW 1648 (8-16
NORTH 159-48 EAST) ALGAROBIA PKML 5500 (9-55
NORTH 166-00 EAST) X ARRIVE MELLU CHANNEL 0630
GCT 16TH

No. B-2

FROM: COMSUBPAC 15/0836 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: OP

MINGO AND SAURY ARRIVED PEARL YESTERDAY X BALAO
DEPARTED BALBOA FOR BRISBANE TODAY X HARDER AND
TINOSA MAY PASS FAIRLY CLOSE AND ON OPPOSITE
COURSE JUNE 15 GCT X STINGRAY STOPPED AT JOHNSTON
TODAY TO TOP OFF AND THEN HEADED FOR SOUTHWEST X
THIS PART ULTRA TO SEADragon AND INFO SPEARFISH
X 1 OF 2 IRONWOODS* MENTIONED IN MY 140921 IS 48
PEANUT X SUBPAC SERIAL 55

* IRONWOOD IS DESTROYER

REF: SEADragon GETS THIS ULTRA FROM COMSUBPAC
SERIAL 52.....

C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Seadragon

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: NPM Fox schedules were received
with no difficulty.

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Case AI (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 16

- 1428 (L) Sighted masts of ship 30° on our port bow. He evidently had seen us on our first contact as he should have been dead ahead. Changed course and went to full speed in order to try to get in position for attack. (Contact #7).
- 1555 (L) Discontinued approach as the least range we were able to reach was 7000 yards. Ship was a ~~MARU~~ coal burning freighter of about 4000 tons accompanied by a destroyer escort of Kamikaze class and twin float monoplane giving air coverage. Ship was on base course 070°. Making 12 knots.
- 1743 (L) Surfaced and commenced chasing. Smoke visible thru #2 periscope.
- 1958 (L) Smoke of ship visible on port bow.
- 2137 (L) Closed in to track of freighter in order to make contact. Ship and escort sighted almost broad on port beam.

June 17

- 0200 (L) Slowed down to five knots on enemy base course. At this time we figured we were 18,000 yards ahead. Commenced retiring at slow speed in direction of SOUTH PASS. Enemy base course of 070° heads him right for the PASS.
- 0440 (L) Dived, closing SOUTH PASS.
- 0622 (L) Sighted patrol boat with single float monoplane circling over him.
- 0900 (L) A careful examination of the anchorage off KWAJALEIN ISLAND failed to disclose the presence of our previous days contacts. It is possible that they changed course and entered lagoon thru MELLU or NORTH PASS. They certainly didn't pass us during the night and they did not enter GEA or SOUTH PASS.

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Casa LI (Cont.)

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	7
Date	6/16
Time	1428 (L)
Position	6-00N 165-00E
Type	Destroyer - Freighter
Course	070°
Speed	12
Remarks	1 DD of Kamikaze Class. 1 MCMF coal burning freighter of about 4,000 tons.

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good at all times.

No. C-5

June 15

0016 (L) Entered area sixteen.
0524 (L) At lat. 6-55, Long. 161-50, dived;
patrolled.
2117 (L) Proceeding toward assigned area at two
engine speed. No contact.

June 16

0900 (L) Departed area sixteen.

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June 17

0125 (K) Entered area fifteen.
0450 (K) Commenced submerged patrol, course 270°.
1843 (K) Surfaced.
2300 (K) Steering courses toward moon.

June 18

0454 (K) Submerged, patrolling across tracks from
Truk to eastward of Hall Islands.
1850 (K) Surfaced, headed to westward of Hall
Islands.

Case 42

A - Source of Intelligence

(This intercepted Japanese despatch is not available. Ed. Note.)

B - Operational Dispatch

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 14/0933
TO: SARGO
ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC SENDS TO SARGO ULTRA X MESSAGE INTER-
CEPTED FROM GREENLING STATES HE IS CHASING SHIP
ON SURFACE COURSE 300 SPEED 15 POSIT AT 0630
GCT 14 JUNE EMNU 2245 (2-22 NORTH 149-45 EAST) X
SHIP IS PROBABLY 043 POPCORN AND WE BELIEVE HE IS
MAKING 16.5 THROUGH THE WATER X GREENLING INFORMED
OF YOUR PROBABLE PRESENCE X WATCH OUT FOR HIM

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Case 42 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: HPM Fox was excellent and complete.

No. C-2

June 13

0016 (K) Surfaced with target barely in sight.
2136 (K) Commenced tracking and drawing ahead.
Submerged on 295⁰T, ahead of convoy
of 3 AKs and S.C.
2209 (K) Fired tubes 5 and 7 at second largest
Maru (6581 tons), two hits. Target
broke up and sank. Went deep and evaded
persistent and close search by S.C.

June 14

0045 (K) SC lost contact, so returned to periscope
depth.
0107 (K) Surfaced and commenced chase of convoy.
0636 (K) Sighted smoke of convoy bearing 185⁰T.
distance 11 miles, commenced tracking and
drawing ahead. Convoy was two Marus and
SC (last night's target missing.)
1011 (K) Submerged and completed approach.
1214 (K) Fired tubes 6, 5, and 7 at larger of two
Marus, observed one hit forward. Believe
this one sank too.
1216 (K) SC took up search promptly and quickly located
us with echo ranging.
1258 (K) Took refuge in a heavy layer, occasionally
but at
1309-10 (K) 4 depth charges very close on starboard side.
1450 (K) SC finally withdrew.

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Case 42, No. C-2 (Cont.)

- 1515 (K) Proceeded to southward at periscope depth, nothing in sight.
- 1930 (K) Surfaced and stood to southward while minor derangements were repaired. Received orders for patrol point on 19th and 20th.

June 15, 16

(No entry made for these days. Ed.Note.)

June 17

- 1015 (K) Sighted smoke of convoy (later seen to be 4 AKs, one small AO, and 1 SC) bearing 215°T., range 24,000 yds. Commenced tracking and drawing ahead but convoy took a big sweep to southward of its reported track.
- 2123 (K) Dove and commenced approach.
- 2305 (K) Made three bow tubes ready (#1 out of commission) but with position on left flank targets repeatedly zigged away. Casualty on stern planes - shifted to hand power.
- 2324 (K) Abandoned attack after best set up on smallest AK was 2000 yds 120 track. Considered it advisable to commence new approach in view of above conditions and our fire control material limitations (see deficiencies).

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	2a, b, c, d
Date	13/June
Time	1607 (K)
Position	6-04N 139-45E
Type, Tonnage, Length	AK 6531 415' AK 8252 483' AK 4000 345' SC — —

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Case 42, No. C-3 (Cont.)

Speed, RPM
Course

8	58	290 ^{0m}
8	—	290 ^{0T}
8	—	290 ^{0T}

Description

— various —
Coal burning. Like TAIHUN MARU,
single screw.
Single screw, coal burner, like
TAIHOKU MARU but maybe smaller.
Coal burning, single screw. Similar
to BANDOENG MARU.
Similar to SC-51 but believe a
newer type.

Remarks:

First sighted convoy's smoke bearing
217° range 27,000 and tracked until
2136 on surface, then submerged ap-
proach. 2a was sunk by two hits.

No.
Date
Time
Position

3a, b, c
14/June
0636 (K)
6-35N
136-57E

Type, Tonnage,
Length

AK	8252	483'
AK	4000	345'
SC	—	—

Speed, RPM
Course

8	60	290 ⁰
8	—	290 ⁰

Description

Various
Single screw, coal burning. four masts
Like TAIHOKU MARU but maybe smaller.
Coal burning. Single screw. Similar
to BANDOENG.
Similar to SC-51 (Same as above)

Remarks:

Sighted same convoy's smoke at 0636 bea-
ring 180^{0T} range 24000 and tracked
until 1011 on surface then made sub-
merged approach. 3a believed sunk
by one hit.

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Case 43

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: NARAE 13/1356 June
TO: TAWIKU (Guard Division 43) JN 25 E
INFO: KIRE 8 (9th Fleet) 40457
KUYOE (Palao Army)

"From Commander DesDiv 17, To PP Division.

1. At 0500 on the 14th, the convoy's position will be 05-40 N, 136-36 E, course 10 degrees, speed 8 knots. At 2100 the 14th, position 07-30 N, 136-06E, course 270. At 0500 the 15th, the position 07-26 N, 134-51 E, course 225. Scheduled to arrive at the reef at that position (?).

2. Request you arrange (?) anti-submarine patrol and fuel supply (*).

Note: (*) Part 2 uncertain.

(NSS-140653-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

PP-Palao.

GI COMMENT: ComSubPacFor informed at 1835 (-9)
June 14.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 14/1012
TO: ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
HOE
INFO: CINCPAC

THIS ULTRA GOES TO HOE X COMSUBPAC SERIAL 53 X
PECAN AT 20 HOURS GCT 13 JUNE HGMF 4036 (5-40
NORTH 136-36 EAST) X AT 12 HOURS GCT 15 JUNE NPMF
3006 (7-30 NORTH 136-06 EAST) AND 8 HOURS LATER
NPWD 2651 (7-26 NORTH 134-51 EAST) X THEN CHANGE
COURSE TO 225

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Case 43 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 13

Patrolled, submerged during daylight.
On obtaining evening fix discovered
we had been set 29 miles to north.

June 14

1350 (KI) Returned to periscope depth.
1358 (KI) Lat. 6° 28 N. Long. 136-33 E. Sighted
ship on port beam angle on the bow 150
stb'd. Estimated range 22,000 yds. As
a result of previous bombing decided to
remain submerged until dark then overtake
and make an attack by moonlight. Seas
were glassy calm and a daylight periscope
attack without detection appeared doubtful.
1903 (KI) Surfaced and commenced search at full
speed on two engines, charging on third,
fourth out of commission.
2120 (KI) Increased speed to full on three engines
(17 knts.)
2400 (KI) Reached point five miles north of ships
estimated position and commenced retiring
search to south. Frequent rain squalls
with a three quarter moon appearing oc-
casionaly.

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Case 43, No. C-2 (Cont.)

June 15

0103 (KI) Lat. $6^{\circ} 32' N$. Long. $134^{\circ} 51' E$. Made radar contact. Radar pipe indicated one ship with two escorts at 13,700 yds. Headed for target at 17 kts.

0138 (KI) Fired 3 torpedoes. One hit. This was believed to be an influence hit as target was unloaded. Time of torpedo run two minutes ten seconds. We were forced deep by one of our own torpedoes which ran circular and therefore could not observe final results. Both escorts commenced searching and dropping depth charges shortly after torpedo hit. We were not located by the escorts at any time although both escorts could be heard plainly. Cracking noises could be heard in the direction of the target for about 40 minutes. It resembled the Chili Maru. In addition it was believed the AK sank since both escorts searched for about three hours. Had she been afloat she would have been unguarded during this time when the escorts had no idea of our whereabouts.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	4
Date	6/15
Time	0103 (KI)
Position	$6^{\circ} 32' N$ $134-51E$
Type	1 freighter 2 escort vessels
Course	275°
Speed	10
Remarks	Freighter Chile Maru class. Escort vessels were similar to Br. vessels of same class.

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Case 44

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: TIUNI (Palao Supply 14/1200 June
Section of 2nd JN 25 E 19
Escort Force A) 49515
TO: TIYO 3 (TINI 6) (Base Force 4) (C)
HIYO 2 (HINI 4) (Base Force 8) (B)
INFO: ROTOTI (Sasebo Naval Base CofS) (A)
ETAWO
OHI 4 (OYA 6)
UYO 8 (UNI 3) (11th Air Fleet) (B)
WAMOYU (Subchaser #22) (A)

"Black Convoy consisting of blanks ships (additives lacking in this section).

Noon positions 15th June to 21st June:

15 June, 06-32 N, 137-43 E.
16 June, 05-50 N, 140-40 E.
17 June, 05-10 N, 143-33 E.
18 June, 04-30 N, 146-28 E.
19 June, 02-10 N, 148-00 E.
20 June, 00-40 S, 149-02 E.
21 June, 02-50 S, 151-00 E.

(NFM-141356-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: ComSubPacFor informed at 2120 (-9)
June 15.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 14/1236
TO: HOE
SARGC
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP OP OP

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Case 44, No. B-1 (Cont.)

HOE AND SARGO CAN HANDLE THIS PECAN X ULTRA
SERIAL 54 FROM COMSUBPAC X AT 0300 GCT OCT
15 JUNE JGUE 3243 (06-32 NORTH 137-43 EAST)
ALGAROBZ (SAME TIME FOLLOWING DAY) HGES 5040
(05-50 NORTH 140-40 EAST) EGH 1033 (05-10
NORTH 143-33 EAST) RCCX 3028 (04-30 NORTH
146-28 EAST) X WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER X

No. B-2

FROM: COMSOPAC
TO: CINCIPAC
INFO: CTF 72
COM 7TH FLEET
COMSUBPACFLT

15/2350

PREC: OP

ULTRA X SOPAC SUBMARINES AVAILABLE FOR STA-
TIONING ALONG EXTENSION ROUTE DESCRIBED COM-
SUBPAC ULTRA SERIAL 54 WITH NORTHERNMOST NEAR
LAT 4-30 NORTH JUNE 18TH X ADVISE IF AUTHORIZED
X USUAL PRECAUTIONS

REF: 141236 HOE AND SARGO CAN HANDLE THIS PECAN
X ULTRA SERIAL 54 FROM COMSUBPAC X AT 0300
GCT 15 JUNE JGUE (06-32 NORTH 137-43 EAST)
ALGAROBZ (SAME TIME FOLLOWING DAY)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hoe

Second War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

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Case 44 (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 16

0300 (KI) Submerged.
0535 (KI) Sighted sampan.
0731 (KI) Surfaced conducting surface patrol Palau-New Guinea traffic lanes. ———
———Looked for ship reported by GREENLING headed in this direction.
1033 (KI) Submerged to repair leaky negative flood valve. Its failure to operate properly had increased our diving time 30 seconds.
1845 (KI) Repairs completed satisfactory.
1906 (KI) Surfaced. Set course for west side of Palau, hoping that FINBACK had left something for us.

June 17

0303 (KI) Submerged. Patrolled Palau-New Guinea traffic lanes.
1853 (KI) Surfaced. Decided to investigate Fais.

June 18

0952 (KI) Commenced patrol of Fais-Palau traffic lanes.
2300 (KI) Obtained position, the first one in sixty hours, and discovered we were seventy miles south of our estimated position. We had allowed for a one knot northerly set and failed to get it. The continual rain, overcast skies and variable currents east of Palau have made it impossible to get in position to intercept anyone. Set course for northeast part of area.

June 19, 20

Patrolled submerged during daylight northeast and north of Palau proceeding to northwest part of area.

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U.S.S. Sargo

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Radio reception of NFM Fox was excellent and complete.

No. C-4

June 15, 16

(No entry made for these days. Ed. Note.)

June 17

- 1015 (K) Sighted smoke of convoy (later seen to be 4 AKs, one small Ao, and 1SC) bearing 215° T., range 24,000 yards. Commenced tracking and drawing ahead but convoy took a big sweep to southward of its reported track.
- 2123 (K) Dove and commenced approach.
- 2305 (K) Made three bow tubes ready (#1 out of commission) but with position on left flank target repeatedly zigged away. Casualty on stern planes - shifted to hand power.
- 2324 (K) Abandoned attack after best set up on smallest AK was 2000 yards away, 120 track. Considered it advisable to commence new approach in view of above condition and our fire control material limitation (see deficiencies).

June 18

- 0001 (K) Surfaced and commenced taking position ahead of convoy for new approach at 4 engine speed.
- 0407 (K) Submerged and commenced approach.
- 0500 (K) Made bow tubes ready - but did not reach a firing position.

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0520 (K) With all targets headed directly away abandoned attack, having botched this night's work. Dawn was now beginning to break, and another end run ahead of the convoy plus approach will take about 6-7 hours which will prevent us from reaching our point ordered for 19th and 20th.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No.	4a, b, c, d, e, f
Date	6/17
Time	1015 (K)
Position	4-40N 142-51E
Type	AK 5600 AK 4000 AK 3000 AK 4000 AO 1472 SC
Speed, RPM,	
Course	8.5 60 1050 8.5 ? 1050 8.5 ? 1050 8.5 ? 1050 8.5 2-15-220 1050
Description	Various Like HAVANA MARU coal burning. ? Coal burning. Like ROKKO MARU coal burning. Like SYURI MARU coal burning. Like HYOGO MARU Diesel Similar to SC51 class.

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Case 45

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: HAOKU (Freighter) 14/1552 June
TO: NUYASU (4th Fleet) JN 25 E-19
ROUMA (Escort Force 69571
#2)
INFO: MEYU (Jaluit Special Base Force #6)
TUKUNA (AirFlot #22)
TUNIMA (Jaluit Sea Frontier Defense
Force Commander)
NEKETA (Kyo Maru #6)

"Noon positions as follows:

15th, 06-25 North, 168-46 East.
16th, 07-20 North, blank-52 East.
17th, 08-40 North, 161-02 East.
18th, 09-00 North, 157-03 East.
19th, 08-27 North, 153-10 East.

(NSS-141353-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Phoned ComSubPacFor at 0230 (-9)
June 15.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 14/1745
TO: POLLACK
INFO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
PREC: OP

ULTRA 1 POPLAR (MERCHANTMAN TYPE UNKNOWN) AT 3
HOURS GCT 15 JUNE 6-25 NORTH 168-EAST ALGAROBA
7-20 NORTH 164-52 EAST

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Case 45 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pollack

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: NFM Fox schedules were received completely.

No. C-2

June 15

0445 (L) Dived on SD radar contact at three miles. Decided to stay submerged today in hopes of shaking our pursuers. Changed course to north.

1818 (L) Surfaced.

1824 (L) Dived on SD radar contact at four miles. I therefore felt that it was imperative to set a course which would at least take us no closer to Maloelap.

June 16

0439 (L) Dived on SD radar contact at three miles. Was beginning to suspect by this time that some of the plane contacts, particularly those on the radar, might have been false.

0535 (L) Surfaced.

0657 (L) Sighted Mitsubishi bomber and made radar contacts at three and ten miles. Dived. Bomb exploded as we passed 100 feet. All "Doubting Thomases" now promptly join the ranks of the true believers, and for the next few days the radar became easily the most popular show in the house.

0744 (L) Heard second bomb explode at some distance.

1010 (L) Heard third bomb explode - very distant; but gave up all idea of surfacing again before sunset.

1947 (L) Surfaced.

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Case 45, No. C-2 (Cont.)

June 17

0118 (L) Dived on SD radar contact at one mile.
0218 (L) Surfaced.
0328 (L) Dived on sight contact of plane coming
out of a cloud in bright moonlight. De-
cided to stay down again today.

Case 46

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: FUNI 6 (FUE 5) 13/1304 June
TO: TAWIKU 5 (Com- JN 25 E 19 / 69296
manding Officer
Guard Division 43) (A)
INFO: HIMU 7 (HIWA 6) (Naval Transportation
Section) (C)
TAKANU (Kure Naval Station CofS) (A)
TUEKE (Naval General Staff, 1st
Section) (A)
TENI 8 (TEE 2)
TANI 9 (TAE 3)

"#7131 Convoy. Only partly readable due to lack
of additives and garbles.

1. Noon positions: 14th, 8-30 N, 149-00 E.
15th, 8-30 N, 145-30 E.
16th, Blank-20 N, 142-30 E.

2. Proceeding from blank to Balikpapan (?).

Noon positions: 18th, 8-30 N, 139-30 E.
19th, 7-50 N, 136-35 E.

(NPM 141604-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: ComSubPacFor informed at 2127 (-9)
14th June.

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No. A-2

FROM: FUNI 6 13/1305 June
TO: TAWIKU (Cdr. Guard JN 25-E-19//69296
Div. 43)
INFO: HIMU 7 (Navy Transp. Sect.)
TUEKE (1st Sect. Nav. Gen. Staff)
TUNI 8
TANI 9
TAKA 5 (garbled)

Convoy 7131, consisting of Taito Maru and (X05295), escorted by Takasago Maru departed PT for Fais and is scheduled to arrive 0500 on 17th. Noon posits are as follows:

14th: 08-30 North, 149-00 East.

15th: 08-30 North, 145-30 East.

16th: 09-20 North, 142-30 East.

While the Takasago Maru is taking on about 30 tons of coal from the Taito Maru, the (X05295) will act as escort for both ships. The (cargo handling?) of Taito Maru is expected to take about 5 days. At about 0500 on 18th, the (X05295) will depart Fais and is scheduled to arrive at Entrance to Malakal Passage at about 0500 on 20th. Noon posits of the (X05295) are as follows:

18th: 08-30 North, 139-30 East.

19th: 07-50 North, 136-35 East.

(T2W 141129-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Previously sent in NPM 141604. This more complete info given to ComSubPacFor at 0520 (-9). PT is Truk. Malakal Passage is at Palao. Takasago Maru is an escort vessel. There are 3 Taito Marus listed. One of 2727 tons, unknown type; one of 4467 tons, an AK; and one of unknown tonnage and type.

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FROM:	Unknown originator	08/1116 June
TO:	HOFU 2 (Comb. Fleet)(B)	JN 25 E 19
INFO:	NITI 0	63597
	MARA 4 (8th Fleet)(B)	
	MISA 1	
	SEE 3	
	HETI 2	
	KUMO 5	
	NISA 5	
	KISA 5	
	MOFU 8	
	RERA 2	
	MIWA 0 (5th Base Force)(C)	
	TUEKE (1st Sect. Naval Gen. Staff)(A)	
	YASESU (2nd Sect. Naval Gen. Staff)(B)	
	TENOTO	
	SAWIMI (Yokosuka Naval Sta. Comdr.)(A)	
	KEMI 6	
	MUNI 6 (Bu. Military Affairs)(B)	

"From Chief of Staff 2nd Fleet.

Reference Combined Fleet SMS #061852.

The Akitsuki is scheduled to depart Saipan about the 24th of this month under tow. It is intended to use the Izuki (X01473) as escort vessel beyond DesDiv7's patrol line (?). Desire that one ship of DesDiv 7 proceed to Saipan by the 23rd. (Remainder unreadable).

(NPM-090906-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Combined Fleet SMS #061852 is quoted in part:

1. "Tow will be arranged for Akitsuki about (96705 June date). Will have some ship departing Truk or Saipan for Empire accomplish this (even a supply ship may be used).
2. Escort ship will be provided from DesDiv 7."

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B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 16/0923
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP

ULTRA FROM COMSUBPAC SERIAL 57 X HOE AND SARGO
WHEN WORKING ON SERIAL 54 MAY FIND OUR SUBMARINES
FROM DOWN UNDER WORKING ON SAME PECAN AT EASTERN
END OF ROUTE X THEY KNOW OF YOUR PRESENCE DO NOT
ATTACK ANY SUBMARINES UNLESS ENEMY IDENTITY
POSITIVE X HOE NOTE 1 CONVOY ENROUTE PALAU STOPS
AT FAIS ON 17 JUNE AND AT 3 HOURS GCT 18 JUNE
DZCC 3030 (8-30 NORTH 139-30 EAST) ALGEROBA NPM
FOX 5035 X ALSO NOTE THAT SUNFISH HAS ALREADY
BOMBARDED FAIS X ANOTHER DCEE WOULD DO NO HARM
BUT APPROACH WITH CAUTION AS THEY MAY BE ON THE
ALERT X WE DONT LIKE TO PICK ON CRIPPLES BUT THIS
IS WAR SO TUNNY CAN WORK ON 070 PEANUT SCHEDULED
TO LEAVE SAIPAN ABOUT 24 JUNE BEING TOWED TO THE
EMPIRE X EXACT ROUTE UNKNOWN.

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

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Case 46 (Cont.)

No. C-2

June 18

0952 (KI) Commenced patrol of Fais-Palau traffic lanes.
2300 (KI) Obtained position, the first one in 60 hours, and discovered we were 70 miles south of our estimated position. We had allowed for one knot northerly set and failed to get it. The continual rain, overcast skies and variable currents east of Palau have made it impossible to get in position to intercept anyone. Set course for northwest part of area.

June 19, 20

Patrolled submerged during daylight northeast and north of Palu proceeding to northwest part of area.

U.S.S. Tunny

Third War Patrol

No. C-3

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 4115 kcs and generally good on 12345 except between 2300-2400 Zebra when some fading was noticed. Last serial received - 42 (None missed)

No. C-4

June 23

1925 (K) Surfaced and proceeded toward Saipan....

June 24

0400 (K) Submerged 17 miles bearing 320° from Saipan....

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0854 (K) Sighted small freighter. (Contact #12)
0856 (K) Noted freighter had damaged DD in tow,
stern first. DD was badly damaged
Went to battle stations.
0900 (K) Noted escorting DD on either bow of tow....
0911 (K) Tracked tow on course 315° at 5 knots....
Decided to trail target....
1930 (K) Visibility was exceptionally poor....
2137 (K)Still thought it was impossible for
him to get away—but he did.

June 25

0827 (K) Returned to patrol routes Northwest of Saipan.
....Patrolled submerged across route to
Empire for remainder of day....

June 26

0405 (K) Dove 15 miles off Saipan....
2002 (K) Surfaced and patrolled Truk-Empire route
east of Rota Island for next 24 hours.

No. C-5

Description of Contact

No. 12-
Date 6-24-43
Time 0856 (K)
Position 15-24 N
145-33 E
Description Small AK towing damaged DD
Remarks Escorted by AC #15

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Case 47

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: KUYA 6 13/1300 June
TO: SAWIMI (Yokosuka Naval JN 25 E/07031
District Commander)
RIRE 7 (Base Force #5, Saipan)
KOMA 1 (Yokosuka Defense Squadron)
NOMA 8
INFO: ARE 6 (Southeast Area and 8th Fleet,
all Flagships)
TOHA 2 (2nd Fleet)
NARE 7 (Bismarck Area Defence Force)
TUEKE (1st Section Naval General Staff)
RURE 3
TANI 9
(NSS-150414-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPKE)
(Part 2 of 2)

"Convoy #4613 composed of (X 44214-Maru) and
(X49779-Maru) escorted by Ikazuchi arrive PS
1100 13th (75420) departing same date at 1600
scheduled arrive NAA 1200/26th.

(1) Noon positions. (14th - 25th).

14th, 08-28 North, 149-09 East.
15th, 10-32 North, 147-33 East.
16th, 13-12 North, 146-38 East.
17th, In PS Harbor.
18th, 16-26 North, 143-54 East.
19th, 18-40 North, 142-34 East.
20th, 21-02 North, 141-25 East.
21st, 23-28 North, 140-15 East.
22nd, 25-54 North, 139-16 East.
23rd, 28-30 North, 138-44 East.
24th, 31-05 North, 138-09 East.
25th, 33-40 North, 138-14 East.

(2) Enter PS on course (74034 - 3530?) from 105
(?) miles Eastward of Cape blank.

(to be continued in 3 minutes)

(NSS 150411 JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK) (Part 1 of 2)

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(3) Ikazuchi requests facilities for 140 tons blank at PS".

NEGAT COMMENT: Although we can't get the name of X 49779, its activities in back traffic indicate fairly large vessel. Handling both passengers and cargo. Coding board appears to have made mistake in date 13th. The group and its additive are good. Believe 17th was intended.

(NSS-150414 JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)
(Part 2 of 2)

GI COMMENT: Phoned ComSubPacFor 151640 (-9) June. PS is saipan NAA is Yokosuka. This is a more detailed schedule of the same convoy #4613 which was reported in NSS 131521 June. Munetani is convoy force Commander. Garbled X 49321 the unident escort ship is presumed to be the escorting Ikazuchi above. If so, following her present duties, she is scheduled to engage in escort duty between Yokohama and Truk.

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 17/0825
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC
PREC: OP

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Case 47. No. B-1 (Cont.)

POMPAÑO AND JACK CAN BOTH WORK ON THIS ULTRA X
SERIAL 59 FROM COMSUBPAC X WATCH OUT FOR EACH
OTHER X 2 BEECHES 1 IRONWOOD AT 3 HOURS GCT
JUNE 22ND FNCC 5416 (25-54 NORTH 139-16 EAST)
ALGAROBA YEND 3044 (28-30 NORTH 138-44 EAST)
WGED 0509 (31-05 NORTH 138-09 EAST) LYED 4014
(33-40 NORTH 138-14 EAST)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Pompano

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good although
Subpac serials 15 and 55 were missed.

No. C-2

June 21

0327 (I) 30-33N, 140E, made radar contact at 11,000
yards, tracked and identified 2 freighters
and escort. Submerged due to growing
light, unable to attain attack position.
After opening out on Tori Shima surfaced
3 hours behind target and ran search curve
covering probable courses and speeds until
2130. Rain and low visibility hampered
search. Sent contact report to ComSubPac.

June 23

Began day surface patrol.

June 24

1004 (I) 30-55N, 138-12E, sighted small auxiliary
sailing vessel under 500 tons.

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June 26

1217 (I) 30-42 N, 139-27 E. Submerged for 40 minutes
on 2 radar signals 18 miles to 10 miles.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	2
Date	6/21
Time	0327 (I)
Position	30-30N 140E
Type	1 escort 2 freighters
Course	175 to 1300
Speed	8
Remarks	Contact lost prior development

U.S.S. Jack

First War Patrol.

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete and
satisfactory.

No. C-5

June 22

1600 (K) Patrolling four to six miles off Nojima
Saki. This is evidently not close enough
because a vessel resembling Milan Maru
(contact #5) rounded the light and estimated
half mile from the beach and out of range.
About 15 minutes before sighting the merchant-
man an SOC floatplane similar to Pete passed
over possibly an escort as no surface escort
was noted. After observing the currents here
today will feel better about running a real
close patrol tomorrow.

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June 23

Spent the day a little less than three miles from the beach 34-57-30 N, 140 E in position to intercept any traffic rounding Nojima Saki. None did.

June 24

In vicinity of Inamba Shima. Two small patrol vessels sighted. Will take departure here tonight to patrol the convoy route from the south to the western approaches to Sagami Nada.

June 25

No luck. Submerged on course north all day. Will work the southern end of passage between Miyake Shima and Nii Shima to where convoy eluded us last week.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No.	5
Date	6/22
Time	1600 (X)
Position	34-53N 139-52E
Type	Milan Maru
Course	Rounding Nojima Saki
Speed	--
Remarks	Unable to close

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Case 48

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	NTO	0	13/2005 June
TO:	HIRE	2	JN 25 E//34651
	SUI	6	
	RISO	4	
	WATO	5	
	TAWIKU	(Guard Division #43)	
	UI	8	
	HOMU	3	(Surface Escort Unit #2)
	RAEHI	(Resident Naval Officer Moji Area)	
	HONUSO		

"GIST ONLY"

"In view of activity of enemy submarines in Palao ? (X43185) Area, revise scheduled departures of convoys between Bungo Channel and Palao ? after middle of June ? (86838) as follows, blanks.

1. Bungo Channel departures 20th. 24th. July 2nd ? 8th. blanks. 29.
2. Palao ? departures. 19th. 24th. 30th. July ? 6th. 13th. 20th. 24th.

BAKER COMMENT: With each date is given escort vessel but none identified.

(T2W-152107/JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM:	COMSUBPAC	18/0843
TO:	ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX	
INFO:	CINCPAC	
PREC:	OP	

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FOLLOWING ULTRA FOR HOE AND GURNARD COMSUBPAC
SERIAL 62 X CONVOYS WILL LEAVE PALAO FOR THE
EMPIRE ON FOLLOWING DATES JUNE 19, 24 AND 30
AND JULY 6, 13, 20 AND 24 X EXACT TIME AND
ROUTES UNKNOWN

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 19, 20

Patrolled submerged during daylight north-
east and north of Palau proceeding to
northwest part of area.

June 21

0501 (KI) Submerged on Palau-Empire traffic lane.
0715 (KI) Sighted smoke from a convoy and came to
normal approach course.
0905 (KI) Unable to close range on smoke so paralleled
convoy course and commenced tracking. Made
decisions to surface when smoke was well
ahead then close for night attack.
1502 (KI) Surfaced. Convoy had been tracked on base
course 300°T. speed 8.5 knots. Went ahead
at best speed to gain position for attack.
1836 (KI) Sighted masts and stack of one large ship
of convoy.
2033 (KI) Gained position ahead and sighted smoke of
convoy. Experienced first erratic operation
of radar at this time for the entire cruise.
In addition sound gave two bearings that led
me to believe I had landed in the middle of
the convoy instead of 15,000 yards ahead.

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- 2242 (KI) Raised periscope and took first look at the convoy, moon up about three quarters full. The first look disclosed one large loaded AP escorted by two destroyers and one AS vessel astern of about 1500 tons, which appeared to be a small freighter. It looked as though the next few hours would be interesting.
- 2257 (KI) Lat 8° 58N. Long 131-13E. Fired four torpedoes from stern tubes at the large AP which resembled the Africa Maru on page 98 of ONI 208-J, however, it is believed that the target was larger, reasons will be given later. Three contact hits were made, first one hit one minute forty seconds after firing. The destruction when the second torpedo hit with a torpex head, was amazing. Flames covering the entire forward middle section shot up as high as the masts lifting large beams at least a hundred feet long and two feet thick with it. The vessel broke into and commenced sinking immediately. When last observed the bow was floating straight up and down with about 50 yards of open water between it and the stern which was aflame and out of the water at an angle of about 30°.

June 22

- 0352 (KI) Surfaced, nothing in sight, cleared the area. Charged battery.
- 0531 (KI) Submerged.
- 0930-
- 1000 (KI) Heard five distant explosions indicating the enemy were still searching.

June 23

Patrolled, submerged during daylight, across Empire-Palan traffic lanes. On surfacing at night set course to clear northwestern part of area as we had a long distance to travel to be out by sunset of twenty-fourth in accordance with instructions.

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June 24

Patrolled, submerged during daylight, north of Palau. As a result of extensive operations due to increased speed to get in area early and attempts to intercept convoys reported from contact reports (two successfully), fuel was getting low. In addition from dispatches received, believed HOE was still expected to complete reconnoitering missions. Departed area.

June 29

0825 (KI) Radar contact as two planes. Submerged. Remained submerged until 1800 as we were fifty miles west of Agrillian Island and I wished to avoid giving the enemy any hint concerning the route through this area.

June 30-
July 5

Uneventful -- Crossed International Date Line -

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No.	6
Time	2242 (KI)
Date	6/21
Position	80-58N 131-13E
Type	1 passenger freighter 3 escorts
Course	300°
Speed	8.5
Remarks	Passenger freighter similar to Africa Maru but appeared larger. 2 DD-escorts were on far side of the target class not determined. Other escort was a small 2000 ton freighter.

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Case 43 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Gurnard

Second War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was satisfactory.
Last serial received was 87 (261021
of July, 1943).

No. C-5

June 19

1058 (Y)
25-18N
173-14E

Sighted plane bearing 150 T, distance about nine miles; Plane looked like PBX, headed for us. We flashed recognition signal and lighted flare. Curious plane continued to head for us, not certain of its identity, 1100 dove to deep submergence. 1130 periscope depth, plane circled about two miles away, appeared to be a PBX. Fired recognition smoke bomb. Plane left vicinity 1117 surfaced.

June 24

Received information of main engine gear trouble in Gunnel. Inspected timing gears all main engines, conditions apparently satisfactory. S light frosting on after part of teeth on main idler gear appears to be normal wear from circulating water pump drive gear which meshes along one-half tooth length of main idler gear.

1040 (K)
17-12N
144-20E

Sighted float type plane similar to Nakajima. Plane was headed for us, submerged. 1140 surfaced, plane not in sight, proceeded. (SD Radar had been secured when within 100 miles of Pagan Island in order to prevent possibility of being DF'd.

1359 (K)
17-00N
143-46E

Dove to avoid plane. Plane not indicated by SD Radar. Not sighted by O.O.D., but reported by lookout to be headed for us. 1510 surfaced, plane not in sight, proceeded.

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Case 48, No. C-5 (Cont.)

June 28

- 0730 (I) Sighted A/S vessel bearing 175°T, patrolling off Toagel Mlungui Passage (ship contact #1). This converted trawler, seen often during this patrol we nick-named "SMOKEY."
- 1035 (I) Smoke was from freighter (ship contact #2) approaching Toagel Mlungui Passage. Closed channel entrance. Ship escorted by plane. (Plane contact #6) and "SMOKEY" following astern.
- 1100 (I) Secured approach, unable to close range to less than 6000 yards. Target about a 4000 ton freighter entered channel. Continued patrolling off Toagel Mlungui Passage, "SMOKEY" was in sight patrolling channel entrance during remainder of day and made it necessary for us to use evasive tactics at one time. "SMOKEY" entered port at sunset.

June 29

- 1032 (I) Made out masts of convoy (ship contact #3).
- 1128 (I) Convoy consisted of six merchantmen in column with 2 DD's, "SMOKEY" and air escort.
- 1230 (I) Fired tubes 1, 2, and 3 at ship #4 (similar to Takatino Maru). Fired tubes 7, 8, 9 at ship #3 (similar to Akagi Maru).....
- 1235 (I) There is no question in the commanding officer's mind that ship #4, bow target, sank with a very few minutes.

June 30

- 0320 (I) Sighted amber colored light which remained on for about 30 seconds. (No contact on SJ Radar). Visibility poor with rain and no moon. Headed into rain squall.
- 0402 (I) Sighted light green colored light and again evaded. I believe these lights were momentarily exhibited by an A/S vessel as recognition signal (Ship contacts #5 and #6). (Weather is too foul for ships to safely close and enter Toagel Mlungui Passage.) Headed towards Toagel Mlungui Passage. If the above lights were from an A/S vessel he may have expected u

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to head to sea and we wanted to be near Toagel Mlungui Passage when visibility improves.
0445 (I) Submerged.
0755 (I) Commenced evading 3 A/S vessels near Toagel Mlungui approaches.
1700 (I) Commenced retiring to northwest.
1954 (I) Surfaced and proceeded to position for patrol during night on Toagel Mlungui Passage 15 mile circle. Patrolling close in to Toagel Mlungui Passage is desirable as from this position it is not probable that ships entering or leaving will be able to pass outside of torpedo range.

No. C-6

Description of Contact

No.	2	3
Time	1035 (I)	1032 (I)
Date	6/28	6/29
Position	7-32N 134-20E	7-45N 134-22E
Types	AK about 4000 tons	Convoy 6 AKs 2 DDs "SMOKEY"
Range	8 miles	9 miles
Course	050 changing 105	170°
Speed	7	9
Contacted	P	P

Case 49

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM:	MENO 3	14/1405 June
TO:	REHI 3	JN 25 E 19
	RORI 0	82142
	RIN 5	
	HORI 0 (8th Fleet) (C)	
	MUKA 4 (Saigon address) (C)	

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INFO: NEME 4 (Imperial Headquarters Naval
Section) (B)
KAROWA (In Saigon Comm Zone) (C)
NIME 3 (Babo Guard District) (B)
MEN 6 (3rd SoEx Fleet) (B)
AN 6
KOSO 3
YUHOWA
TITA Ø

"960 ? Convoy (3 ships - Yasukuni Maru (JUIB)
X56805); Chojun Maru (WGBB) #15 Banshu Maru)
departed 1400, scheduled to arrive Takao 21st
1800. Speed 7 knots.

Noon posits:

15th, 09-(18?) N, 109-30 E.
16th, 11-27 N, 111-34 E.
17th, 13-20 N, 113-40 E.
18th, 15-20 N, 115-40 E.
19th, 17-blank N, 117-blank E.
20th, 20-20 N, 118-20 E.
21st, 22-50 N, 119-(40?) E."

(NPM-162130-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 18/0911
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

PREC: OP OP OP

FLYING FISH MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO USE COMSUBPAC
SERIAL 63V ULTRA X PECAN POSSIBLY INCLUDING 087
POPCORN X BLANK X 7 KNOTS X 0300 GCT X 20 JUNE ZYCC
2020 (20-20 DEG NORTH 118-20 DEG EAST) ALGAROA NDDS
5040 (22-50 DEG NORTH 119-40 EAST) AND 6 HOURS LATER
REACHES NDRE 2618 (22-26 DEG NORTH 120-18 DEG EAST)

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Flying Fish

Sixth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Radio reception of the NPM Fox schedule was complete in all respects.

No. C-2

June 20

1600 (I) Entered area. Delay in arrival due to various special assignments enroute. Entire transit has been made on surface with only one aircraft sighted. Speed had to be reduced to one engine on June 18th as a survey of fuel situation indicated a critical condition, considering patrol area requirements.

June 23

Conducted submerged patrol along East Coast of Formosa just North of Garan Bi. No contacts.

1900 Surfaced and headed south to round Garan Bi.

June 24

Rounded southern tip of Formosa during night avoiding lighted sampans all night (always one or two in sight).

0252 (E) While proceeding up the west coast of Formosa toward Takao, sighted ship ahead bearing 295°T. Coached radar on and for the next hour and a half, with four engines at full speed, we tracked, made an end run and gained position on the starboard bow of what appeared to be a convoy enroute to Takao on base course 000°T.

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0400 We were forced to take course 330^{OT} to avoid grounding on Ryakyu Island. This threw us across the enemy bow prematurely and range closed rapidly. Visibility was variable due to frequent light mist squalls, a 75^o overcast and a half moon that would break out behind us with embarrassing frequency.

0414 The moon and increasing twilight made it evident that sighting would be certain if we remained on surface any longer.

0415 (H) Submerged and continued chase at standard speed submerged changing course to 300^{OT}, 290^{OT}, and 270^{OT}, to keep from grounding on Ryakyu Island. At

0430, obtained vague sighting by periscope of one
0440, ship thru the morning gloom and mist which
0445 indicated that we were gaining good position ahead.

0451(H) (25 minutes before sunrise) Contact #7. Obtained first good periscope sighting on large freighter slightly abaft port beam range 2600 yds with 15^o port angle on bow. (We had overshoot) An Asashio class destroyer was ahead of and on his starboard bow. Sound then reported screws (for the first time) forward of port beam. Quick search in that direction showed a second freighter much closer than the first with zero angle on the bow and another destroyer patrolling his port bow.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

NO.	7
Time	0451 (H)
Date	6/24
Position	22-13N 120-22E
Description	Convoy. 2 large freighters and 2 DD (one Asashio Class)
Course	010 ^{OT}
Speed	10.5
Remarks	Flying Fish was detected by sound

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Case 50

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: TIUNI (Commander 12/1903 June
Palao Area JN 25 E
Branch Escort 11624
Unit #2)
TO: HATI 8 (#2 Surface Es-
cort Unit)
1 garbled call
INFO: NEFU 2 (Combined Fleet)
WAWA 1 (Manila Comm Unit)
HATI 9 (8th Fleet)
NIKO 4 (4th Fleet)
PESA 9 (1st Section Naval General Staff)
1 garbled call

"A group of 65 industrial fishing vessels are being despatched to blank. The first unit of 35 vessels escorted by blank (X02625) will leave PP (Palao) on the 14th at 1300 speed 7 and arrive RR (Rabaul) sometime on the 24th. The 2nd unit of 28 vessels escorted by Sub-chaser #37 leaves PP about the 18th."

NSS-122323:JUNE:P:COMB:COPEK)

No. A-2

FROM: TASO 4 (TASA 1) 13/0705 June
(Yokosuka CofS) (C) JN 25 E 19
TO: KUYA 6 (KUKO 5) 58474
(Associated Maru
Movements Palao Area) (B)
INFO: HASO 4 (HASA 1) (4th Fleet) (C)
MAMA 4 (MAME 1) (Truk Base Force #4 (B)
NUMU 9 (WA 3) (NONU in garble table)
SIPE 7 (SITI 6 (5th Base Force) (B)

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"B" blank sail boat unit blank depart
Yokosuka for Truk via Chichijima and
Saipan at 0700/13th.
Noon positions:

14th - 33-00 N, 140-00 E
15th - 31-05 N, 140-20 (?) E
16th - 29-05 N, 140-40 E
17th - 27-blank N, 139-50 E."

GI COMMENT: Phoned to Comsubpac for 13 June at
0440 (-9)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC
TO: ALL SUBS ON NPM FOX
INFO: CINCPAC

22/0747 June

PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC SERIAL 75B X TAUTOG AND GURNARD SHOULD
PASS WITHIN 60 MILES OF EACH OTHER DURING NEXT
48 HOURS X REMAINDER ULTRA X ANY SUB WHO MADE
CONTACT SERIALS 50 AND 51 OPEN UP AND TELL ALL
AS SOON AS CONVENIENT X NIPS ARE NOW EMPLOYING
AUXILIARY SAILING VESSELS BETWEEN ISLAND BASES
FOR TRANSPORTATION GASOLINE AND SUPPLIES X LARGE
GROUP OF THESE VESSELS DEPARTED YOKOSUKA FOR
SAIPAN JUNE 10 SPEED 4 KNOTS X OTHER GROUPS ARE
ENROUTE BETWEEN PALAU AND RABAU. THESE GROUPS
MAY BE ESCORTED X SUCH VESSELS ARE LEGITIMATE
GUN TARGETS WHEREVER ENCOUNTERED X SINKEM ALL XX

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C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Hoe

First War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Reception was complete.

No. C-2

June 16

0500 (KI) Submerged.
0555 (KI) Sighted sampan.

No. C-3

Description of Contact

No. 5
Date 16/6
Time 0555
Lat-Long 6-31 N, 138-05 E
Type sampan
Course Lying to

Case 51

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: (#2 Hoshiro 24/1820 June
Maru)
TO: (Northern Section
Truk Surface Force)
(#15 Shonan Maru)

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Case 51, No. A-1 (Cont.)

INFO: NOSITE (Base Force 4)
TANOMA (Ebon Maru)

"Dispositions for submarine mopping-up as follows: The #2 Noshiro Maru to the east of a line bearing 223, distant 55 miles from the starting point; the #15 Shonan Maru to the westward."

(T2W:250408-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: On the 23rd at 1200 in posit 07-02 N, 151-44 E a submarine was sighted and depth charge attack made and oil spots were discovered by the Umikaze at 1535/23rd.
An attack was made by gunfire and depth charges on a submarine sighted 7 km from posit 06-04 N, 152-34 E, on the 25th.

No. A-2

FROM: HIYA 5 (4th Base Force) 25/0412 June
TO: RIKIKA (#2 Noshiro Maru) JN 20 J
MANINI (#15 Shonan Maru)
NRENU (Truk Surface Force)
TIMU 1 (Air Group 902)
INFO: NIMU 0
YAMI 9
ESO 3

"Caroline Defense Force Desopord #105.

1. Today, the 25th, plane #6037 (?) sighted a surfaced enemy submarine 30 degrees, 7 kilometers from position 06-04 N, 152-34 E. (Attacked with gunfire and depth charges, results unknown) at present investigating.

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Case 51, No. A-2 (Cont.)

2. #2 Noshiro Maru and #15 Shonan Maru proceed to the sub's position immediately and, under command of Captain of the Kiyonami, mop-up and sink it.
3. Blank will send suitable ships to relieve the #2 Noshiro Maru and #15 Shonan Maru.
4. Commander #902 Air Group co-operate in the above mopping-up operations."

(NPM-250708-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

Local Corrections:

Paragraph 1: at (07)037 this date the Kiyonami in position 6-04 N, 152-34 E sighted a surfaced enemy sub at a distance of 7000 meters bearing 30 degrees on her port bow.

(Note: Neglects to give course of Kiyonami).

Rest of paragraph OK.

Paragraph 2: OK

Paragraph 3: ComSubchaser Division #57 sent etc....

No. A-3

FROM:	HIYA 5	(Base Force 4)	25/0412 June
TO:	RIHIKA	(#2 Noshiro Maru)	JN 20 J
	MANINI	(#15 Shonan Maru)	
	TIMU 1	(Air Group 902)	
	NRE 5		
INFO:	NIMU 0	(2nd Fleet)	
	YANI 9	(4th Fleet)	
	ESO 3		

"Caroline's Desopord #195.

1. Today, June 25 at 0037, Kiyonami in position 06-04 N, 152-34 E sighted a surfaced enemy submarine bearing 330 degrees relative at a distance of blank (less than 10) kilometers. She shelled and depth-charged the submarine with unknown results and is now carrying out a search.

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Case 51, No. A-3 (Cont.)

2. #2 Noshiro Maru and #15 Shonan Maru are immediately blank to proceed to this position of the enemy submarine, (place themselves under the Commanding Officer Kiyonami and search out the submarine and sink her.

3. The commander blank is to cause suitable craft to be sent out to relieve.....

(T2W-250627-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK) (Part 1 of 2)

4. #2 Noshiro and #15 Syoonan Maru.
Commander Air Group #902 is to cooperate blank blank in this search."

(T2W-250635-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK) (Part 2 of 2)

No. A-4

FROM: HIYA 5 (Base Force #4) 25/0412 June
TO: PIHIKA (#2 Noshiro Maru) JN 20 J
MANINI (#15 Shonan Maru)
NRENU (Northern Force)
KAMU 1 (Combined Fleet)
INFO: NIMU 0 (2nd Fleet)
YANI 9 (4th Fleet)
ESO 3 (Kiyonami)

"Caroline Area Defense Force Desopord #107.

1. Kiyonami reports that at 0037 today the 25th in 06-04 N, 152-34 E she sighted and attacked with gun fire and depth charges an

enemy submarine bearing 152 degees, distant 7 kilometers from her. Results are unknown.

2. #2 Noshiro Maru and #15 Shonan Maru proceed at once to the scene and engage in search and attacks under command of Kiyonami.

3. Blanks."

(NSS-251616-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

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Case 51, No. A-4 (Cont.)

GI COMMENT: More complete translation of this message sent out in NPM 250708 June.

No. A-5

FROM: FYA 8
TO: TSO 3
INFO: HIYA 5 (Base Force #4)
TIMU 1 (Air Group #902)
MANINI (#15 Shonan Maru)
TUMA 2

25/0440 June
JN 20 J

"Commanding Officer Kiyonami in command of #2 Noshiro Maru and #15 Shonan Maru, and the #4 Base Force are to carry out a thorough attack on the enemy submarine. Aircraft of Air Group #902 will cooperate."

(T2W-250447-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: This is one of three on same subject reported in NPM 250754.

No. A-6

FROM: #15 Shonan Maru
TO: HIYA 5 (Base Force #4)
TSO 3 (Northern Section
Truk Surface Force)
NRENO
INFO: #2 Noshiro Maru

25/0735 June
JN 20 J

"Sailed for the scene at high speed at 0730. Due to arrive at 1930."

(T2W-250447-JUNE-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: This is one of three on same subject reported in MPN 250754.

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No. A-7

FROM: MANINI (#15 Shonan Maru) 25/0735
TO: HIYA 5 (Base Force #4) JN 20 J
NRENU (Comdr Northern Section Surface Force)
ESO 3 (Kiyonami)
INFO: RIHIKA (#2 Noshiro Maru)

"At 0730 enroute to scene at good speed. Will arrive at 1530."

(NSS-251601-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Reported in NPM 250754 and T2W 250447 June.

No. A-8

FROM: ESO 3 25/1100 June
TO: RIHIKA (#2 Noshiro Maru) JN 20 J
INFO: MANINI (#15 Shoonan Maru)
TAMU 1 (Air Group #902)
NUMU 0 (2nd Fleet)
SUMA 3 (4th Fleet)
MUYA 6 (Base Force #4)
TARE 7

"Message in poor shape, but allocates patrol areas to various vessels as follows: #2 Noshiro Maru between 152 and 153 East and between 6-30 and 6-15 North. C area blank blank and B area blank blank (#15 Shoonan Maru and Kiyonami allocated these areas)."

(T2W-250956-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

TOP SECRET ULTRA
R.I.P. 344

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Case 51 (Cont.)

No. A-9

FROM: Blank originator 25/1640 June
TO: RIHIKA (#2 Noshiro Maru) JN 20 J
MANINI (#15 Shonan Maru)
MORE 3
INFO: NIMU 0 (2nd Fleet)
MUYA 6 (2nd Surface Escort Unit)
HIYA 5 (Base Force #4)
TAPE 7

(NSS-251835-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK)

(Part 2 of 2)

"Details of tonight's sweeping operations are as follows:

1. #2 Noshiro Maru: An area with center at point bearing 90 degrees distant 10 miles from the scene and #15 Shonan Maru an area with center at point bearing 270 degrees, distant 10 miles. Blanks proceed North while sweeping blanks.
2. Kiyonami sweep to south of a blank line passing through the scene blanks on course 155 degrees until 2300. After 0030 on course 335.
3. Blanks."

NEGAT COMMENT: "The scene" referred to above is probably the position of the Blue submarine when sighted by Kiyonami. See Negat's 251616.

(NSS-251831-JUNE-OP-COMB-COPEK) (Part 1 of 2)

No. A-10

FROM: HIYA 5 (KOTI 5) 25/1640 June
RIHIKA (#2 Shonan Maru) JN 20 J
MANINI (#15 Shonan Maru)
MORE 3 (KEFU 3)

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Case 51 No. A-10 (Cont.)

INFO: NIMU 0 (MOKO 0) (Escort Force #2)
WUYA 7 (MITI 7)
TARE 7 (HEFU 4)

"Tonight's anti-submarine operations will be carried out as follows:

1. #2 Noshiro Maru will operate from base point bearing 90 degrees, 10 miles from the scene and the #15 Shonan Maru will commence operations from a point bearing 270 degrees, 10 miles from the scene.

(NPM-260302-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK) (Part 1 of 2)

Taking the 330 degree line through this point as a base carry out radar (?) search changing course 60 degrees every hour and working toward the north. Operations will commence from a point 10 miles, bearing 270 degrees from the scene at 1700.

2. Kiyonami will operate to the south of a line bearing 90 degrees from the scene. Until 2300 operate on course 155 degrees. At 0030, change to course 330 degrees.

3. Operations subsequent to this evening's will be decided upon later."

(NPM-260306-JUNE-P-COMB-COPEK) (Part 2 of 2)

B - Operational Dispatches

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 25/1855 June
TO: ALL SUBS CONCERNED NPM FOX

PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC SENDS ULTRA TIP TO SUBS CONCERNED X

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Case 51, No. B-1 (Cont.)

ANOTHER CONCENTRATED SUBMARINE HUNT NOW IN PROGRESS IN TRUK VICINITY X HALIBUT AND SPEARFISH
WATCH YOUR STEP FOR NEXT FEW DAYS

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Halibut

Fifth War Patrol

(No reports of unusual depth-charging. Ed. Note.)

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

(No reports of unusual depth-charging. Ed. Note.)

Case 52

A - Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: HETE 6 (Base Force #4)(B) 27/1640 June
TO: KITAYO (Kosei Maru)(B) JN 20 J
TOOI (Special Minesweeper #6)(A)
SEHAYU
MITO
INFO: SAURO 4
MIESE
AMARA (Truk Transportation Section)(B)
EIHI

"Arrivals tomorrow, 28th June, via the North Channel: At 0600, Keisho Maru escorted by Ikazuchi on course 225 degrees. At 0800, Naka, Isuzu and Tanikaze on course 294 degrees. Departures follow: via North Channel: At 0400, Unyoo, Chuuyoo,

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Umikaze and blank on course 304 degrees. At 0530, 2 blank Marus in addition to the Kaikoo Maru on course 72 degrees. At 0630, Shooyoo Maru and Subchaser #32 on course 91 or 61 degrees. Departures via South Channel follow: At 0900, Kogyo Maru?, Sanyoo Maru plus 1 other, escorted by #2 Chookoo Maru on course 300 degrees. At 1700, Tihaya Maru, Yuuzuki and Subchaser #18 on course 158."

HYPO COMMENT: Our copy very poor, but believe substance correct.

(NPM: 272242: JUNE: O: COMB: COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Corrections: "Tatikaze" was changed to "Tanikaze" and "Seiya" Maru to "Tihaya" Maru by NPM 280642 June.

No. A-2

FROM:	HETE 6	(Base Force #4)	27/1640 June
TO:	KITAYO	(#5 Special Minesweeper)	JN 20 J
	KINURI	(Kosei Maru)	
	TOOI	(#1 Kitisho Maru)	
	SEHAA	(Patrol Boat in Base Force #4)	
	AMI 2	(Air Group 902)	
INFO:	URO 4	(2nd Fleet)	
	MIHO 9	(4th Fleet)	
	AMARA	(Truk Transect)	
	NEIHI	(Truk Harbor Affairs)	

"Truk June 28 Arrivals North Channel:

At 0600, blank Maru and Siratuyu course 225.
At 0800, Naka, Isuzu and Tanikaze course 294(?).
Departures North Channel: 0400, Unyoo, escorted by Umikaze, blank and blank course 330. 0530, blank Maru, Kaiseu Maru, Kaikoo Maru and Hiyodori, course 75.

(T2W:272106:JUNE:OP:COMB: COPEK)

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Case 52, No. A-2 (Cont.)

Departures North Channel:

0630, blank maru, escorted by Subchaser #32
course 61. South Channel: 0900, blank Maru,
escorted by #2 blank Maru and blank, course 30.
1 blank 00, blank and blank escorted by #18 Sub-
chaser course 158. Blank blank."

BAKER COMMENT: Our intercept is in very bad shape
giving many garbles for this
sketchy translation.

GI COMMENT: HYPO'S version (NPM-272242) also
sketchy, differs as follows: At 0600,
Keishoo Maru escorted by Ikazuchi. At
0400, Chuyoo. At 0550, course 072
degrees. At 0630, Shooyoo Maru. At
0900, Kogyo? Maru, Sanyoo Maru, #2
Chookoo Maru, course 300 degrees. At
1700, Tihaya Maru, Yuzuki.

B - Operational Disoatch

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 28/0715 June
TO: ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC
INFO: _____
PREC: OP OP OP

DELETE "M" FROM NUMBER 86 REMAINDER IS ULTRA FROM
COMSUBPAC SERIAL 88 FOR INFO SPEARFISH TUNNY AND
SEARAVEN X AT 19 HOURS GCT 27 JUNE 2 AUXILIARY
AIRCRAFT CARRIERS LEFT NORTH CHANNEL TRUK ON
DEPARTURE COURSE 304 X ROUTING UNKNOWN BUT
DESTINATION PROBABLY EMPIRE

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Case 52 (Cont.)

C - Submarine Action Report

U.S.S. Spearfish

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Was good, no jamming at any time on NPM schedules.

No. C-2

June 28

1239 (K) Sighted plane. Two convoys, first consisting of one escort (looked like big cabin cruiser yacht) and one freighter passed astern while approach was being made on second convoy. Second consisted of four freighters and one torpedo boat.
1425 (K) Fired three torpedoes at 6500 ton freighter. Missed, targets turned away. Glassy sea and could not get closer than 2500 yards.

No. C-3

Contact Report

No. 6
Date 6/28
Time 1330 (K)
Position 7-58.5N, 152-42.5E.
Type Convoy, 4 freighters plus escort.
Remarks Fired 3 torpedoes. No hits.

No. 7
Date 6/29
Time 2332 (K)
Position 8-24N, 153-37E.
Type Convoy, 4 freighters plus escort.
Remarks No attack.

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Case 52 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Tunny

Third War Patrol

No. C-4

Radio Reception: Radio reception was good on 4115 kcs and generally good on 12345 except between 2300-2400 Zebra when some fading was noticed. Last serial received - 42 (None missed)

No. C-5

June 26

0405 (K) Dive 15 miles off Saipan.....
2002 (K) Surfaced and patrolled Truk-Empire route east of Rota Island for next 24 hours.

June 28

1230 (K) Patrolled channel between Rota and Guam.....
.....Sighted AK similar to Sirogane Maru bearing 010° T. Zigzagging madly. (Contact #6 At
1247 (K) went to battle stations. At
1302 (K) fired 3 torpedoes....Target disintegrated.... (Attack #3).....
1307 (K) Heard 2 heavy explosions as target sank.

No. C-6

Contact Report

No.	16
Date	6-28-43
Time	1230 (K)
Position	14-07 N, 145-03 E
Description	AK similar to Sirogane Maru
Remarks	Fired 3 torpedoes 2 hit. Ship sunk. Attack #3.

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Case 52 (Cont.)

U.S.S. Searaven

Seventh War Patrol

No. C-7

Radio Reception: Uncertain....Report does not give clearly NFM schedules or consistent reception.

No. C-8

June 27

1800 (KI) Set clocks back one hour to zone minus ten time.

June 28

1800 (KI) Passed in to area fourteen at assigned position according to DR

2030 (KI) Star sights indicates a one knot drift on 053 degrees

2200 (KI) Entered area at Lat 21-00N, Long 144-36E. Decided to patrol North West corner first as a study of the chart and past contacts point toward this as being the most likely spot for interception of convoys bound to Truk or the southern Marianas. Also from this position could strike toward Palau-Empire line.

June 30

Number one and four engines best as regards smoking, #3 poorest and #2 not much better. With two engines running at night the visibility to leeward is practically zero.

Case 53

As- Source of Intelligence

No. A-1

FROM: KUMO-8? (Base Force #4) 28/1615 June

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Case 53, No A-1 (Cont.)

TO: KINURA (Hagoromo Maru)
TOOI (Special Minesweeper #6)
KATAYO (Kosei Maru)
TUYARE
UTUWI (Garble)
INFO: NIMO 7 (2nd Fleet)
ROESO (Garble)
NEIHI 5 (Comdr Truk Harbor Affairs
AMARA (Truk District Transportation
Office)

"At 0900 tomorrow, the 29th, blank po Maru and Yamashiro Maru (escorted #10 Takunan Maru, course 275) are scheduled to enter via North Channel, and at 1600 blank Maru, course 279, is scheduled to enter via South Channel."

(NSS:281722:JUNE:URGENT: COMB:COPEK)

GI COMMENT: Phoned Comdr. Voge 0330 (-9) 29 June.
Yamashiro Maru is 3,427 tons.

B - Operational Dispatch

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 28/1846
TO: HALIBUT
ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC
INFO: -----
PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC ULTRA TO HALIBUT X AT 7 HOURS GCT 29
JUNE THE MAPLE ON COURSE 279 WILL ARRIVE SOUTH
CHANNEL TRUK

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Case 53, No A-1 (Cont.)

TO: (Hagoromo Maru)
(Special Minesweeper #6)
(Kosei Maru)

INFO: (Garble)
(2nd Fleet)
(Garble)
(Comdr Truk Harbor Affairs
Truk District Transportation
Office)

"At 0900 tomorrow, the 29th, blank po Maru and Yamashiro Maru (escorted #10 Takunan Maru, course 275) are scheduled to enter via North Channel, and at 1600 blank Maru, course 279, is scheduled to enter via South Channel."

GI COMMENT: Phoned Comdr. Voge 0330 (-9) 29 June.
Yamashiro Maru is 3,427 tons.

B-- Operational Dispatch

No. B-1

FROM: COMSUBPAC 28/1846
TO: HALIBUT
ALL SUBS COPYING NPM FOX
CINCPAC

INFO: _____

PREC: OP OP OP

COMSUBPAC ULTRA TO HALIBUT X AT 7 HOURS GCT 29
JUNE THE MAPLE ON COURSE 279 WILL ARRIVE SOUTH
CHANNEL TRUK

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C - Submarine Action Reports

U.S.S. Halibut

Fifth War Patrol

No. C-1

Radio Reception: Was good and no serials were missed.

No. C-2

June 29

0419 (K) Submerged.
0730 (K) Sighted HUKUORO, distance 7 miles. Remained in vicinity of island during day. No activity noted.
1844 (K) Surfaced and closed island to 7000 yds. No radar contact. Made tuning adjustments without success until 2040 and then headed back toward our area.

June 30, July 1

Uneventful. Returned to western end of area. Conducted submerged patrol. Nights were now very dark and since we had no SJ we ran at four knots on the surface maintaining a sound watch.

(a) - 7

8-111

9-11

(K) -10

11-11

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